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This book identifies appropriate reading material for adults who read at levels through grade seven. An introduction lists criteria used for selection and discusses emphases in selection of nonfiction. To make this recommended list of 748 entries most useful to libraries, titles are arranged in a very general Dewey Decimal Classification. Each entry contains these components: indication of new listing; item number; reading level; title; author; publisher code; date of publication or copyright; pagination; net price; full or abbreviated International Standard Book Number; series; and annotation. Recommended titles are divided into fiction and nonfiction. Fiction categories include general, mystery and horror, science fiction, classics and folklore, and literature in various forms. Nonfiction titles are categorized as: biography; the unusual, the unexplained, computers; psychology; religion; social sciences, government, citizenship; jobs; community resources; reading and understanding; writing and grammar; spelling; students' writing; mathematics; health and safety; consumer information, homemaking; coping skills; parenting; family reading; geography, travel; history; periodicals; juvenile books for adults; for the tutor; and guides to software for the adult new reader. Appendixes include recommendations for a core collection; series recommendations; suggested readings for the librarian; general readings on literacy; publishers' addresses; and title and subject indexes. (YLB)

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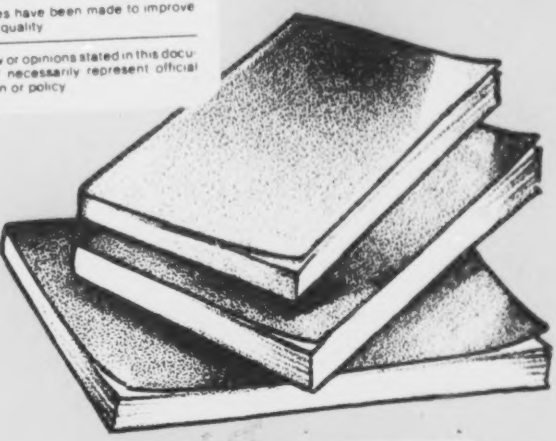

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Preface

With the 1991 edition, this piece of work represents a tremendous combined, synthesized ten-year effort by Cleveland area librarians, professional educators, and Project: LEARN staff and students (both past and present), to identify appropriate reading material for adults who read at levels through grade seven. In addition, it has been the continuous aim of this project to encourage library and literacy centers nationwide to establish special collections of adult literacy materials so that adult learners can, privately, and at their own pace, meet their own personal educational, vocational, and spiritual goals.

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Criticisms of titles in the bibliography, suggestions of titles for possible inclusion in a revised edition, and any other comments from users are welcome and appreciated.

The model collection of materials recommended in BOOKS FOR ADULT NEW READERS is housed at Project: LEARN and is free and open to the public, for examination purposes.

Introduction

This project began in 1978, with a determination by Project: LEARN, CAMLS (the Cleveland Area Metropolitan Library System) and the Merrick Settlement House, that there was a scarcity of low level reading materials of adult interest in Cleveland's area libraries. The George Gund Foundation funded the Library Services Project of Project: LEARN to establish a sample collection and an annotated bibliography for adult new readers. Roberta Luther O'Brien, who compiled the first bibliography in 1980, directed this effort through 1984. Frances Josephson Pursell took over the revision in October of 1985.

Looking back over five revised editions, this work has assumed various shapes, formats, lengths. It has, however, continuously used these criteria for selection:

1. A reading level no higher than seventh grade, using the Gunning Fog Readability Index, which is based on sentence length and number of multi-syllabic words in a sample. (Reading levels have been determined by using software titled Readability Calculations, copyright 1984, Micro Power and Light Company.) In using this program, three hundred words from each book were scanned for sentence length, and amount of difficult vocabulary. One hundred word passages from the beginning, middle, and end of each book were usually chosen.
2. Short paragraphs, short chapters, and book length that is not intimidating.
3. Uncrowded pages with plenty of white space.
4. Cover and title appealing to adults, indicative of contents and not marking reader as an illiterate or slow learner.
5. Illustrations appropriate for adults and which are clearly related to the text.
6. Print large enough and clear enough to be read easily but not so large as to resemble that used in pre-primers.
7. Reasonably durable formats suitable for a public library's cir-

culating collection. (Because answers need not actually be written into them, workbooks were not completely excluded. Other learning materials such as crossword puzzle books, cut-and-paste books, and kits with many complicated pieces were not considered. Titles available only in multi-copy packages were also not considered.)

8. Adult characters and situations rather than a teenage orientation. Also, information particularly useful in an adult's everyday life.

9. Materials useful for independent study, with a minimum of tutor assistance.

10. Unstereotyped characters and a positive, unbiased point of view.

11. In fiction and non-fiction narrative: An uncomplicated plot with few subplots or digressions...a chronological presentation ... all parts related to the whole ... a small cast of well defined characters... action ... conversation ... a minimum of description.

12. In workbooks and other instructional materials: Concrete topics of interest or importance to adult new readers. Presentations which emphasize use or application of skills rather than terminology or "background" ... clear explanations ... repetition of the important information to aid retention ... numerous examples ... plenty of opportunity to practice ... frequent opportunity for self-evaluation, such as check-ups with answers ... a minimum of games, jokes, or "tricks" ... answers in the book or accompanying easy-to-use answer keys ... sequentially organized skill building ... many chances for success rather than failure.

13. Few natural science books were included since much of this information is available at low reading levels and satisfactory formats in the children's sections of public libraries.

14. Information pertinent to Cleveland and Ohio.

15. Reasonable price.

When selecting non-fiction, special emphasis was placed on finding information in five subject areas identified by the Adult Performance Level Project (APL) as ones in which it is necessary for adults to be knowledgeable in order to function effectively:

- Consumer economics
- Occupational knowledge
- Community resources
- Health, and
- Government and Law.

Also, those books which offer a core of common knowledge or heritage, a certain cultural literacy, from which non-readers often feel excluded, were especially sought out. In addition, emphasis was placed on finding materials that teach the four basic skills identified by APL:

- Communications skills (including reading and writing)
- Computation skills
- Problem-solving skills (including thinking skills and pre-reading skills, and
- Skills in interpersonal relationships.

Within this realm, well-designed readable books were sought to help an adult function on a level so that he/she can search for and interpret whatever more specific information is desired. General coping skills, rather than specific skills have been the primary focus.

In order to avoid duplication and maintain a balanced collection of materials which complement one another, each title was examined in the light of all the other titles being considered.

The various needs of public libraries, which can play such a key role in strengthening the reading skills of adult new readers, were considered for each title. The importance of libraries providing appropriate, meaningful leisure reading, at accessible levels, cannot be overemphasized.

In order to make this recommended list most useful to libraries, titles in the bibliography are arranged in a very general Dewey Decimal Classification.

As work on BOOKS FOR ADULT NEW READERS has progressed in the past year, several new areas of progress have been identified within the literacy field. They are: Family Reading, Students' Writings, and Periodicals. Sections representing these three areas are newly added in this 1991 edition.

The Family Reading section lists books appropriate for low level readers to read aloud to children, a major goal for many adult students. Furthermore, it has become more apparent that literacy levels of children are strongly linked to the level of reading activity in the home.

The Students' Writings section represents materials which help to demystify reading as an activity. Adults need to see that printed words have meaning, and need not be someone else's language but can represent their own words. This student-generated published poetry and prose can be used for additional reading practice or as an example of what can be accomplished by others in the same situation.

In this edition, a separate Periodicals section appears since several exciting magazines and one newspaper, specific to this field, are now available; 174 new titles have been added. All out-of-print titles have been withdrawn; 23 new publishers are listed.

Finally, we implore librarians, educators, and others working in the literacy field to use BOOKS FOR ADULT NEW READERS to build collections of relevant books, separate from other collections, well marked and publicized. Break down the barriers that exist to the successful delivery of information to those 1 in 5 at risk for not having it - adult low-level readers!

Frances J. Pursell

March 1991

Books for Adult New Readers

Titles are organized as follows:

I. Fiction

General Fiction. Leisure reading for practice and enrichment.

Mystery and Horror. Mysteries, spy stories, tales of the super natural.

Science Fiction

Classics and Folklore. "Write-downs" of older, generally accepted classic literature and tall tales and legends of many cultures.

Literature in Various Forms. Miscellaneous fiction, poetry, plays, short stories.

II. Non Fiction

Biography. Life stories of both famous and ordinary people.

(000s) The Unusual , The Unexplained. Computers

(100s) Psychology. General well being, mental health, interpersonal relationships.

(200s) Religion. Bible stories.

(300s) Social Sciences, Government, Citizenship. Includes economics and law.

Jobs. Job applications, interviewing techniques, getting along on the job, career choices, workplace literacy.

Community Resources. Awareness of local organizations that may offer help.

(400s) Reading and Understanding. Practice passages, comprehension drills, and vocabulary development.

Writing and Grammar. The physical act of writing, as well as grammar and phonics.

Spelling.

☞Students' Writings. Published pieces of adult students' own words, used to offer relevant reading practice and as an inspirational example.

(500s) Mathematics. Includes measurement, telling time, counting money, as well as basic math functions.

(600s) Health and Safety. Medical care, personal health, child care, safety in the home.

Consumer Information, Homemaking, Coping Skills, Includes cars and driving, budgeting, smart shopping, cooking, finding housing, better living.

Parenting.

☞Family Reading. Stories to read to young children

(900s) Geography, Travel. Land formations and map reading

History. Awareness of other peoples, places and times.

☞III. Periodicals. Those especially geared to literacy students.

IV. Juvenile Books (Already at the library) for Adults

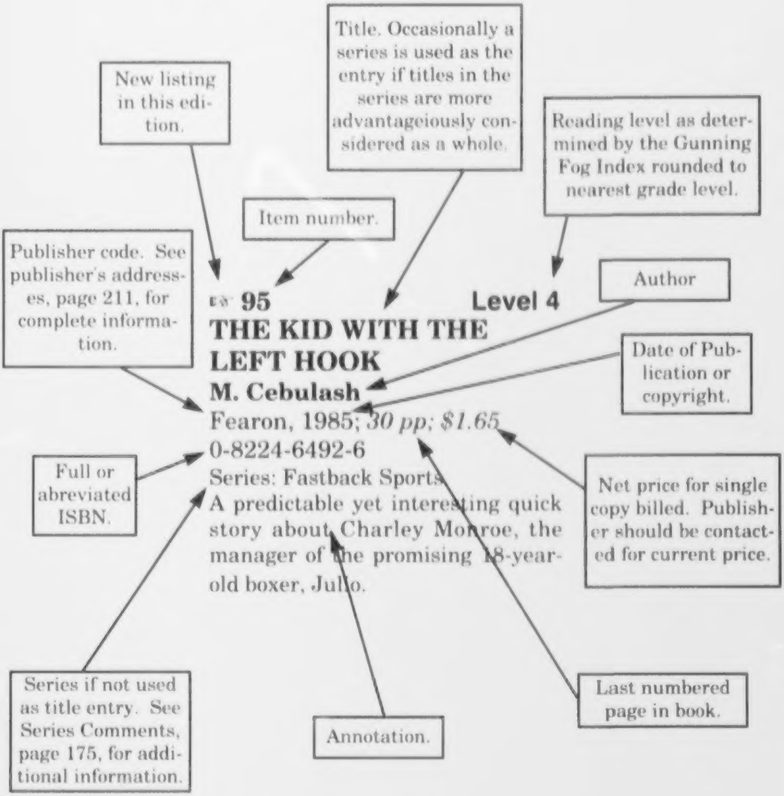
V. For the Librarian

VI. For the Tutor

VII. General Readings on Literacy

VIII. Guides to Software for the Adult New Reader

Key to Title Entries



☞ **95** **Level 4**

THE KID WITH THE LEFT HOOK

M. Cebulash

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-6492-6

Series: Fastback Sports

A predictable yet interesting quick story about Charley Monroe, the manager of the promising 18-year-old boxer, Julio.

New listing in this edition.
Item number.
Title. Occasionally a series is used as the entry if titles in the series are more advantageiously considered as a whole.
Reading level as determined by the Gunning Fog Index rounded to nearest grade level.
Publisher code. See publisher's addresses, page 211, for complete information.
Author
Date of Publication or copyright.
Full or abreviated ISBN.
Net price for single copy billed. Publisher should be contacted for current price.
Series if not used as title entry. See Series Comments, page 175, for additional information.
Annotation.
Last numbered page in book.

Fiction

1 **Level 4**

ACE BRADLEY

S. Cordaro

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*

0-8224-2921-7

Series: Flashback War

Jim Bradley joins the 94th Squadron under Eddie Rickenbacker to finally bring an end to WWI as well as avenge the death of his brother Ben. An involved aerial battle ensues. He and Rickenbacker save each other; Bradley brings down two enemy planes, and then spares his parents the details. Could be especially enjoyable to those who can relate to war and the tough choices made during war.

2 **Level 3**

ALONG THE GOLD RUSH TRAIL

G. W. Kenna

NRP, 1982; *96 pp; $3.50*

0-8833-6752-1

Series: Sundown Books

Young Eugene Chase's journey from his family's farm in Vermont to the hills of California in 1849 brings hardship and tests friendships. A fascinating and touching story based on letters written by the author's great-grandfather.

3 **Level 4**

THE ANIMALS

E. Rice, Jr.

Fearon, 1979; *58 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5361-4

Series:Bestellers III

A downed and temporarily blinded United States Air Force pilot is aided by the French Resistance and returns to the war to destroy a German air squadron bent on assassinating Churchill. Exciting and well plotted.

4 **Level 4**

ARCHIE, JR.

B. Blount, F. Richardson

DynPrg, rev ed 1976; *71 pp; $2.95*

Series: Archie Series

When Archie, Jr., is blinded by a gang beating and sent to relatives in the country to recover, Archie, Sr.,becomes a community activist. Conversations in black dialect add authenticity, and the few typographical errors do not detract from the story. This title follows THE BRIDGE, #19, in the series.

5 **Level 4**

ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

A. Moore

Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*

0-8224-2922-5

Series: Flashback War

For those who like action and can relate to war, this details the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in an attempt to knock out the U.S. Pacific fleet.

6 **Level 3**

BEN'S GIFT

C. Barnett

NRP, 1981; *64 pp; $3.50*

0-88336-705-X

Series: Sundown Books

Ben has been protected and cared

for all his life, so the seemingly simple task of selecting, wrapping, and delivering an anniversary gift to his brother — with whom there is an uneasy relationship — becomes a symbolic challenge for this 37-year-old man afflicted with cerebral palsy.

7 **Level 5**

THE BET

S. Cordaro

Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2934-9
Series: Flashback Sports

A young couple change the dynamics of their marriage as a result of the discussions and hype surrounding the 1973 Billie Jean King - Bobby Riggs "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match.

☞ **8** **Level 3**

BETTER OFF WITHOUT ME

H. Coret

NRP, 1989; *80 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6762-9
Series: Sundown

A pretty young woman with three children and much to live for has difficulty just "getting through" each day. Her intense tale deals with the realities of clinical depression which are magnified by the use of alcohol, sleeping pills, and cigarettes. (Though she seems to conquer these major stumbling blocks in record time, her story does flow and seems plausible enough.) A few effective black and white illustrations help the reader to imagine. This could be well used by a new readers' book discussion group.

9 **Level 4**

THE BIG TIME

B. Lane

Fearon, 1987; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2390-1
Series: Double Fastback Sports

In his last season as a major league catcher, Duke Martin breaks his thumb and is sent to manage in the minors. He rebuilds his skill and saves the career of the star rookie pitcher as well. Good interaction between the older man and the young player makes this a discussible book.

10 **Level 4**

BIRTHDAY BOY

T. Ogren

NRP, 1988; *63 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6757-2
Series:Sundown Books

Fiction for real boxing fans. Many descriptions of boxing matches are here.

11 **Level 5**

BLACK SUNDAY

M. S. Thomas

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2916-0
Series: Flashback Disaster

The floods, mudflows, logjams, and ash fall which occurred in Washington, Idaho, and Montana as a result of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in May, 1980, are personalized here. The suspense unfolds through the eyes of a newly married couple photographing the mountain on-site.

12 Level 3

BOAT PEOPLE

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-3685-X
Series: Hopes and Dreams

In a gripping story, the Nguyen family escape Vietnam by boat, become refugees, and eventually, are fishermen on the U.S. gulf coast. Some historical background may be necessary before reading.

13 Level 3

THE BOX GIRL

M. Scariano

HiNoon, 1985; *44 pp; $2.50*
0-8787-9503-0
Series: 9 to 5

When food is poisoned at a local supermarket, the "box girl," who stocks the shelves, finds the culprit. This covers the adjustments needed to land a job. It's too bad the illustrations are not first quality.

14 Level 5

THE BOYS OF WINTER

A. Moore

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2935-7
Series: Flashback Sports

Fictionalized account of the USA's winning of the gold medal in hockey in the 1980 Olympics. Told by a person close to the team, this reads like a biography. Summary of the facts is offered at the end.

15 Level 4

A BRAVE ACT

E. Van Steenwyk

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2923-3
Series: Flashback War

A human interest tale set in 1810 during the 4-day "pow-wow" of General Harrison and Chief Tecumseh at Grouseland in the Indiana Territory. Nell, a kitchenmaid, puts aside her fears of travelling with an Indian scout in order to save the life of General Harrison's baby.

16 Level 5

BRAVING A BLIZZARD

M. S. Thomas

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2918-7
Series: Flashback Disaster

Though somewhat contrived, this account of the Wisconsin Election Day Blizzard of 1924 makes good reading. Could be a springboard for discussion of snowstorm experiences as well as women's suffrage.

17 Level 5

BREAK AWAY

L. J. Bledsoe

Fearon, 1987; *60 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2391-X
Series: Double Fastback Sports

Hard work and determination win out in the end. Carmen Quinones lives her dream: winning the toughest bicycle race in the country. She proves herself to those who say she cannot do it.

☞ 18 **Level 3**

BRIDE IN PINK

J. A. Bosley

NRP, 1989; *95 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6761-0
Series: Sundown

Bonnie has made a special place for herself as the beloved "lady in pink" at the children's hospital. Many interpersonal calamities at the hospital as well as Bonnie's own broken leg and unusual wedding plans are intertwined in an almost unbelievable way. An extremely positive story for those who like a lot of human interest. Sequel to LADY IN PINK, #94.

19 **Level 5**

THE BRIDGE

L. W. Miller

DynPrg, rev ed 1974; *111 pp; $2.95*
Series: Archie Series

From his days as a hard-drinking day worker who had not finished high school to his life as a wage-earning family man with his diploma, Archie struggles to improve himself and to help others to do the same. Conversations are in black English. Some technical and typographical errors exist.

20 **Level 4**

THE BRITISH ARE COMING

A. Moore

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-2924-1
Series: Flashback War

A personalized account of the 1775 beginning of the Revolutionary War. The reader might require more review than is provided in "The Facts" at the end of the book. For example, some students might need to review names such as Sam Adams, Paul Revere, the Redcoats, the Minutemen.

21 **Level 4**

BURN BARREL

C. LaRocca

NRP, 1988; *96 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6760-2
Series: Sundown Books

A compelling murder/adventure/spy story of special appeal to Vietnam Veterans.

22 **Level 4**

A CABIN IN THE NORTH

S. Leap, B. Raab

LCAlaska, 1982; *29 pp; $1.00*

A Louisiana family moves to Alaska so Dad can work on the pipeline. Elma and the youngsters survive in a cabin with the wolf/dog, Muktuk, for company. A simple homemade pamphlet.

23 **Level 5**

CARGO

A. B. Poole

Sc,For, 1982; *64 pp; $3.45*
0-6732-4130-0
Series: Adult Readers Library

After a trucker is killed in an "accident" and $50,000 worth of marijuana is found in his truck, Nick Bannon takes over the rig in an attempt to clear his cousin's name and find the murderers. Full of action and humor.

24 **Level 5**

CARLOTTA'S HOUSE

A. Malin

Sc,For, 1982; *64 pp; $3.45*
0-6732-4128-9
Series: Adult Readers Library

Susan Jenkins returns to live alone in the small town in which she was raised. She begins to feel possessed by the spirit of her grandmother. But, is the old house haunted or are Susan's depression and anxiety getting the better of her? An interesting and realistic story with well-drawn characters.

25 **Level 5**

CASEY'S CLAW

D. St. Vincent

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2392-8
Series: Double Flashback Sports

Those who know and follow hockey will enjoy this even though it is somewhat predictable.

26 **Level 4**

CATCH THE SUN

E. Cowen

Fearon, 1981; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6475-6
Series: Sportellers

Marathoner Deena LaSalle finds a way to combine her Onondaga Indian heritage and her skills as an experienced architect in her design for a New York City skyscraper.

☞ 27 **Level 4**

CAUGHT OFF GUARD

B. Jackson

NRP, 1990; *79 pp; $3.75*
0-8833-6306-2

A collection of 12 surprising stories without endings, these invite the reader to ponder possible outcomes. Emphasizing "words to study," defined before each story, these offer valuable vocabulary and reading practice, and some great points for discussion.

☞ 28 **Level 3**

CHACHO

P. de la Garza

NRP, 1990; *96 pp; $3.75*
0-8833-6763-7

Chacho Rios, a Mexican ranch hand, risks his life in a plan to "fix-up" his sister with a rich fellow rancher and make his own life easier in the process. Numerous Spanish words are defined at the end of the text; a few equestrian terms are not. Though not for everyone, horse lovers, readers with Hispanic background, or fans of romances will find this enjoyable.

29 **Level 6**

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

J Abbott

Fearon, 1987; *62 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2382-0
Series: Double Fastback Romance

Vonnie, a young female laborer, has ambitions of becoming an ironworker but learns she must "pay her dues" first. An adult romance.

☞ 30 Level 3

CHAN'S FOR LUNCH AND DINNER

R. Tichy

P:L, 1988; *24 pp; $1.50*

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

Chan opens a restaurant and friends support him by holding an anniversary party there. As others in this series, this is a very simple format, but it provides needed practice at a very low reading level.

31 Level 4

CHICKEN BY CHE

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.75*

0-8224-4606-5

Series: LifeTimes II

Che Acosta's dream of owning his own restaurant involves more problems than he expects.

32 Level 3

CLIMBING THE WALL

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1988; *58 pp; $3.75*

0-8224-4603-0

Series: LifeTimes 2

A family's trials in attempting to help and live with their hyperactive six-year-old son. Well done for such a low reading level.

33 Level 3

CLINT MAGEE

L. C. Alexander

Lngmn, 1976; *59 pp; $4.25*

0-5825-3682-0

Series: Longman Structural Readers

A weak sheriff is powerless to stop the gang which dominates the town and stirs up trouble with the Indians. Decent, honest Clint Magee — a local rancher — saves the day! Good reading, illustrated with line drawings.

☞ 34 Level 5

COLONY OF FEAR

L. J. Bledsoe

Fearon, 1989; *72 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-4751-7

Series: An American Family

In the Puritan New England of 1692, a free-thinking businessman accused of witchcraft marries the reverend's daughter. Together, they begin a family and a wonderful series of historical fiction for low-level readers.

35 Level 5

THE COMEBACK

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1985; *28 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-6490-X

Series: Fastback Sports

Pitcher Lefty Halliday, near the end of a great career, has one last chance to overcome age and injuries and be a hero again.

36 Level 4

CRASH DIVE

L. Fredrick

Fearon, 1977; *59 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5259-5

Series: Bestellers II

A fascinating account of a World War II battle between a German U-boat and an American destroyer.

The delineation of character makes this more than an adventure story.

37 **Level 3**

CRASH LANDING

N. L. Anderton

Fearon, 1987; *42 pp; $3.60*
0-8224-3626-4
Series: High Stakes Adventures

A plane crashes in a remote, mountainous area. Jim, the leader, must make vital decisions. So does the reader!

☞ **38** **Level 4**

DARES

J. Suter

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5335-5
Series: Bestellers

In a compelling universal story about peer pressure, a young man tries to overcome his fear of physical harm and faces mountain-climbing danger head-on.

39 **Level 5**

DARK TO BRIGHT FUTURE

F. Richardson

DynPrg, 1976; *61 pp; $2.95*
Series: Turk Tonelli Series

Don (Turk) Tonelli, whose story begins in WINNING TWICE, #183, completes basic training, falls in love, and is sent to Vietnam, where he gains insight into himself and begins to plan for his future.

☞ **41** **Level 3**

A DAY AT A TIME

J. C. Miner

Fearon, 1982; *62 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1651-4
Series: Crisis

In a fairly realistic way, this describes one family's attempt to deal with an alcoholic father and husband. Despite several setbacks, mother, father and daughter eventually seek help from Alcoholics Anonymous and Alateen. (This smaller paperback format adapted from the larger hardback Crestwood House Edition should be more acceptable to adults.)

42 **Level 4**

DEADLY TORRENT

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2917-9
Series: Flashback Disaster

The Johnstown flood of 1889 provides the background for this story. Engineer John G. Parke fails in his attempt to warn the 2,200 people who perished. Discussible.

☞ **43** **Level 3**

DEAR MARY ELLEN

S. H. Frommer

NRP, 1990; *32 pp; $1.85*
0-8833-6179-5
Series: Kaleidoscope

A very brief story leaves the reader with some questions.

☞ 44 **Level 4**

THE DEBT

S. D. Jones

Fearon, 1989; *68 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-4756-8

Series: An American Family

After the Civil War, a successful Southern businessman seeks revenge on his struggling plantation owner cousin by calling in a debt. (Book 6 in the series: 1877.)

45 **Level 6**

DESTRUCTION AT DAWN

P. Matthews

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*

0-8224-2910-1

Series: Flashback Disaster

The 1906 San Francisco earthquake comes alive through the personal experience of two Chinese families. Besides dealing with the destruction, the characters discover class bigotry, compassion and repentance. The disaster helps focus and then resolve some of these issues.

46 **Level 6**

THE DEVLIN AFFAIR

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1987; *60 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2362-6

Series: Double Fastback Mystery

"Laid-back" private investigator Lew Devlin takes an assignment that leads him south of the border and into trouble.

☞ 47 **Level 3**

A DIFFERENT HOME

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-3684-1

Series: Hopes and Dreams

When learners read this account of Cuban exiles coming to Miami, a discussion of political prisoners, immigration laws, and quotas may result.

48 **Level 4**

DIRT RIDER

J. Greene

Fearon, 1987; *60 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2394-4

Series: DoubleFastback Sports

Dirt bike racers confront the Friends of the Wilderness. Karen, the environmentalist, brings Lee, the racer, to a better understanding of the way his sport destroys good land. Discussible.

49 **Level 4**

DON'T SELL ME SHORT

J. Bosley

NRP, 1988; *80 pp; $3.50*

0-8833-6758-0

Series: Sundown Books

A chronicle of life, death, remarriage, families and "making it" in the world. Some new readers will relate to the principal character, Richard, who seems to be a loser in school, career and life. Decisions and relationships make it discussible.

50 **Level 3**

THE DOOR IS OPEN

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1988; *58 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-4604-9
Series: LifeTimes II

Lina Conti decides in midlife to start school, overcoming her successful husband's objections.

51 **Level 6**

DOUBLE THE GLORY

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2936-5
Series: Flashback Sports

Johnny Vander Meer's 1938 double no-hitter has never been topped. Fiction from a young sportswriter's viewpoint.

52 **Level 4**

A DREAM WITH STORMS

F. Reed

NRP, 1979; *64 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6703-3
Series: Sundown Books

A compelling, sympathetic story about a migrant worker's wife who yearns to return to school and become a teacher's aide. Rosa resolves conflicts with her husband. The whole family benefits.

53 **Level 4**

DREAMS OF FIRE

S. Cordaro

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2912-8
Series: Flashback Disaster

The 1967 fire aboard the Apollo I spacecraft where three astronauts were killed was foretold in the psychic dreams of Captain Walles, according to this fictionalized account. His warnings about the hatch go unheeded. Definitely discussible.

54 **Level 4**

THE DROP-IN

P. Mann

Schol, 1979; *127 pp; $2.95*
0-5900-5560-7
Series: Double Action

Chuck drops out of high school to marry Charlene and raise a family. When his wife leaves him with a six-month-old child, he is faced with difficult decisions.

55 **Level 5**

ELMA GETS A JOB

S. Renner

LCAlaska, 1983; *28 pp; $1.00*

Elma must return to work because of Jake's unemployment. This story is about the effect that change has on their family. Discussible.

56 **Level 4**

EVE

J. Portillo

Kern, 1977; *14 pp; $0.75*

A story told in letter form about Eve, a girl on drugs, who later reestablishes her relationship with her parents. A very simple pamphlet-like book with black and white drawings.

☞ 57 Level 4 — 5

EVERYTHING'S DIFFERENT ON THE JOB

P. Cameron et.al.

Alemy, 1990; *48 pp ea; $4.35 ea*

Recently emigrated main characters in six realistic stories all experience on-the-job problems not necessarily related to their foreign status. (Other series of a similar format were not included because they were not so general and seemed to apply to young foreign-born readers only.) Jobs described are not always low-level. Stories include: WING, 0-1329-2517-6 (Taiwanese accountant); VIJAY, 0-1329-2467-6 (Indian real estate salesperson); RUYA, 0-1329-2491-9 (Turkish grocery store worker); IRMA, 0-1329-2475-7 (Hispanic hotel desk receptionist); BEATRIZ, 0-1329-2483-8 (Salvadoran seamstress and designer); BENIGNO, 0-1329-2509-5 (Filipino hospital orderly).

☞ 58 Level 4

FACE OF THE DRAGON

W. W. Miller

HiNoon, 1988; *44 pp; $2.50*

0-8787-9558-8

Series: Connection

A Vietnamese immigrant feels pressure to join a street gang. Despite advice offered by two close friends, he has to learn for himself. Topics for discussion could include racial prejudice and gangs.

59 Level 3

THE FAMILY FROM VIETNAM

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1979; *57 pp; $3.75*

0-8224-4320-1

Series: LifeTimes

A refugee family, separated during an airlift from Vietnam spends their first year in the United States without their father. The story tells of their experiences in resettlement camps, with their sponsoring family, and in their own apartment, until they are reunited.

60 Level 4

FEAR ON ICE

E. Rice, Jr.

Fearon, 1981; *60 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-6476-4

Series: SportTellers

Hockey player Neal Calder learns that his chosen sport is a tough and violent game and that if he is to make it he must fight as well as skate. This book has a message with which some will disagree.

61 Level 4

THE FIREFIGHTER

S. James

Schol, 1979; *126 pp; $2.95*

0-590-30588-3

Series: Double Action

In a book which interweaves plot with interesting information about training to be a firefighter, a rookie firefighter suspects that one of his colleagues is trying to kill him.

62 **Level 3**

FLIGHT TO FEAR

T. Belina

Fearon, 1977; *59 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5252-2
Series: Bestellers I

Linda Logan escapes from a hijacked plane in a Central American jungle and brings help to the others. Plenty of action and excitement.

63 **Level 2 — 4**

FOLLETT ABE READING PROGRAM (series)

J. Anderson, B. Longnion, M. Gillis

Cambr, 1983; *64 pp; $3.50 and $3.25*

A valuable low-level series of six books each having a similar format. The title story, usually insightful or having some underlying humor, is intermixed with other short prose pieces offering practical information, a fable, a poem, letter, or receipe. Titles include: HELLO WORLD AND OTHER STORIES, 0-8428-2250-7; A HARD NIGHT'S RUN, 0-8428-2251-8; ONE LETTER TOO MANY, 0-8248-2252-6; STAY ALIVE, 0-8428-2253-4; THE LUCKY BREAK, 0-8428-2255-0; THE GOOD MAN, 0-8428-2256-9, and instructional guide for all books, 0-8428-2258-4.

☞ **64** **Level 4**

FOLLOW THE WHALES

P. Hill

Fearon, 1988; *59 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5343-6
Series: Bestellers

In a fairly suspenseful story set in coastal Alaska, Amanda and her grandfather uncover a smuggling plot, as well as observe the habitat of the humpback whale. Along with sailing adventure this exposes the reader to a new setting and raises some environmental issues, as well.

65 **Level 6**

FOLLOW YOUR DREAM

N. White

Fearon, 1987; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2383-9
Series: Double Fastback Romance

Mimi gets the part, while Jose, her handicapped boyfriend, is jealous both of the time her acting takes away from him and of the leading man. A typical romance with a few interesting twists.

66 **Level 3**

THE FREEDOM SIDE

M. M. Stadelhofen

NRP, 1982; *64 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6709-2
Series: Sundown Books

The exciting story of Becky Horn's narrow escape from slavery through the Underground Railroad. Adventure and romance in the pre-Civil War U.S., told with interesting historical detail. (The story continues in number #95, LAST CHANCE FOR FREEDOM).

☞ **67** **Level 3**

FOR GOLD AND BLOOD

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-3679-5
Series: Hopes and Dreams
Two Chinese brothers emigrate and join the California Gold Rush (1851). After separating to seek fortune, build railroads, and open the stereotypical laundry, they reunite to work together to end the Chinatown gang wars. This is discussible.

☞ 68 **Level 4**

FORTUNE IN MEN'S EYES

S. D. Jones
Fearon, 1989; *69 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-4755-X
Series: An American Family
In an 1853 tale involving a moral choice, a young man sets out to join the Goldrush, only to end up, along with a runaway slave, entrenched in the U.S. war against the Apaches. (Book 5 of the series.)

69 **Level 6**

GAME DAY

D. J. Marlowe
Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6491-8
Series: Fastback Sports
In one day, Tom Jordan proves himself; he can play tight end. The rest of his life falls into place. For football fans only.

70 **Level 6**

GETTYSBURG MESSENGER

A. Moore
Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2925-X
Series: Flashback War
Billy (Confederate soldier) saves his brother (Union) when he is taken prisoner. Reviews historical facts at the end.

71 **Level 6**

THE GOLD JUMP

S. Cordaro
Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2938-1
Series: Flashback Sports
A world record is broken in the 1936 Olympics. Jesse Owens' triumph is not only a physical one but a psychological victory over Hitler and the the Nazi "super race" ideology. Excellent for background material.

72 **Level 6**

GOODBYE AND HELLO

J. Abbott
Fearon, 1987; *62 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2377-4
Series: Double Fastback Romance
Mady, girl carpenter, restores an old Nantucket house and falls in love with its architect-owner. She breaks up with her former, less interesting boyfriend. A formula romance.

73 **Level 5**

GUNS FOR THE GENERAL

S. Nagel
Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2926-8
Series: Flashback War
Ben forges his own trails through the mountains to smuggle captured

British cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston under Henry Knox. This is Revolutionary War intrigue.

74 **Level 4**

GYPSY

A. Nussbaum

Fearon, 1977; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5260-1
Series: Besteller II

A gypsy biker begins a career in motorcycle racing after taking the place of an injured friend for his first race.

☞ 75 **Level 4**

HAPPY HOUR

T. Ogren

NRP, 1990; *112 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6218-X
Series: Sundown

As Eddie discovers he has been abandoned by his wife and son, he flashbacks on ten years of alcohol abuse. The story ends with a plausible recovery.

76 **Level 6**

A HARD-DRIVING LADY

A. Moore

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2939-X
Series: Flashback Sports

Race-car driver Janet Guthrie finally cracks the Indy 500 in 1977. She is the first woman to do so.

77 **Level 4**

HARD ROAD TO PARADISE

J. Suter

Fearon, 1988; *87 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-4671-0
Series: TaleSpinners II

Using the historical backdrop of the 1930's, this deals with the adventures of a homeless "traveler of the world."

78 **Level 6**

THE HITTER

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2396-0
Series: Double Fastback Sports

Eddie Rivard is spotted by baseball scouts for his natural hitting ability. He ends up playing in the major leagues. His team makes it to the World Series but loses. For sports fans.

☞ 79 **Level 3**

HUNGRY NO MORE - THE IRISH

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-3680-9
Series: Hopes and Dreams

The typical Irish experience in America, reduced to a very readable form. A potato famine and near-starvation brings Johnny and Mary McGee to work the railroads and the woolen mills. "The country was better off because of them" says the closing paragraph.

☞ 80 Level 2

HUSH, LITTLE BABY

S. H. Frommer

NRP, 1990; *23 pp; $1.45*

0-8833-6172-8

Series: Kaleidoscope

Traumas of a new baby: no sleep, constant crying. This is brief and to the point.

☞ 81 Level 2

I DIDN'T DO IT!

S. H. Frommer

NRP, 1990; *24 pp; $1.45*

0-8833-6173-6

Series: Kaleidoscope

A man is falsely accused of stealing a cold can of pop.

82 Level 6

IDAHO INFERNO

L. J. Bledsoe

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*

0-8224-2914-4

Series: Flashback Disaster

Told with great suspense, this is the story of forest ranger Edward Pulaski who saved 37 of 42 men when the Great Idaho Fire of 1910 turned on his own encampment.

☞ 83 Level 2

I'LL BE RICH!

S. H. Frommer

NRP, 1990; *32 pp; $1.85*

0-8833-6177-9

Series: Kaleidoscope

The pitfalls of a chain letter pyramid scheme.

84 Level 4

IN A COMBAT ZONE

H. Oleck

Fearon, 1987; *28 pp; $1.80*

0-8224-2927-6

Series: Flashback War

Written by a U.S. Army combat historian, this effectively tells the story of the WW II Battle of the Bulge, the biggest battle in the history of the U.S. Well suited for readers who can relate to war.

85 Level 3

IN AND OUT THE WINDOWS

H. Coret

NRP, 1982; *64 pp; $3.50*

0-8833-6751-3

Series: Sundown Books

The story of a high school senior's battle with schizophrenia and her family's struggle to understand. Although the main character is a teenager, the topic of coping with mental illness has no age boundaries. A well-written title on an overlooked subject.

86 Level 4

JAKE COMES HOME

S. Leap, B. Raab

LCAlaska, 1982; *28 pp; $1.00*

Well done, exciting tale, set in Alaska, about a snowmobile ride, an accident in below freezing weather, and the dog that saves Jake's life.

87 **Level 4**

JOHNNY TALL DOG

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1981; *73 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-6733-X

Series: TaleSpinners

Johnny Tall Dog, half Sioux Indian and half white man, returns to his tribe and becomes involved in a conflict between the two peoples of his heritage.

88 **Level 5**

THE JOURNEY HOME

L. J. Bledsoe

Fearon, 1989; *72 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-4754-1

Series: An American Family

When a trapper brings word of her father's death, a St. Louis girl embarks on a hazardous journey into the land of her ancestors, Indian territory. (Book 4 in the series: 1827.)

89 **Level 3**

JUAN AND LUCY

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1979; *57 pp; $3.75*

0-8224-4317-1

Series: LifeTimes

A young couple dates, lives together, marries, discovers fertility problems, adopts children and experiences the birth of their child. The reader is encouraged to think about many of the issues raised by using discussion questions at the ends of chapters. A realistic portrayal.

90 **Level 4**

JUMP

W. Warren

Fearon, 1987; *44 pp; $3.60*

0-8224-3627-2

Series: High Stakes Adventure

Mike fails as a pro football player and becomes a daredevil to prove himself. Jan goes along, risking her life to save her marriage. Though not entirely believable, this is interesting. The flipping back and forth, necessary in reading this format, is annoying! See series comments.

91 **Level 3**

JUST FOR TODAY

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.75*

0-8224-4605-7

Series: LifeTimes

Alcoholism as it affects Biff, his wife, Linda, and his job. Well done for such a low reading level. Discussion questions.

92 **Level 3**

JUST ONCE

M. B. Christian

NRP, 1982; *48 pp; $3.50*

0-8833-6750-5

Series: Sundown Books

Only when Cora's baby is threatened with abuse does she find the courage to leave Sam and try to make it on her own. A sensitively told story.

93 Level 4

THE KID WITH THE LEFT HOOK

M. Cebulash

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6492-6
Series: Fastback Sports

A predictable yet interesting quick story about Charley Monroe, the manager of the promising 18-year-old boxer, Julio.

94 Level 3

LADY IN PINK

J. A. Bosley

NRP, 1983; *64 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6754-8
Series: Sundown Books

Bonnie Marsh's special relationship with the children at Pacific Hospital helps her come to terms with her husband's death and helps the young patients face their own ordeals. A soap opera with an upbeat ending. The sequel, BRIDE IN PINK, #18, is new in this edition.

95 Level 3

LAST CHANCE FOR FREEDOM

M. M. Stadelhofen

NRP, 1983; *95 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6753-X
Series: Sundown

In an adventurous sequel to THE FREEDOM SIDE, #66, Becky reaches freedom. When boyfriend Gregory is blamed, he escapes and becomes involved in the skirmish at Harper's Ferry.

96 Level 5

THE LAST COWBOY

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1988; *75 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6705-4
Series: TaleSpinners II

A western adventure depicting the late 1800's controversy between cowboys and sheepherders and the end of the "open range." Believable, interesting.

97 Level 4

LET NOBODY TURN ME 'ROUND

M. M. Stadelhofen

NRP, 1990; *80 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6764-5
Series: Sundown

As he accidentally steps onto a 1961 "Freedom ride" to Montgomery, Alabama, a young black man who "won't accept things as they are" gets caught up in history. Provides a starting point for more reading (titles are listed) and further discussion about the factual events surrounding voter registration in the South in the 1960's.

98 Level 4

THE LIFE OF LUCY FERN (Parts 1 and 2)

M. Crone

Cambr, 1983; *48 pp ea; $2.10 ea*
0-8428-9600-7
Series: Adult Literacy

This tells of the hard life of Lucy Fern: half Indian, born out of wedlock to a 13-year-old, shuttled from foster home to foster home, married at fifteen, a single mother at sixteen. But Lucy survives, and a twist of fate (and plot) leaves the reader hopeful. A good story which maintains interest in spite of its length. Pt 2, 0-8428-9601-5.

☞ 99 **Level 3**

LITTLE ITALY

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-3677-9
Series: Hopes and Dreams

In a simply written story, a Mexican couple are "taken" by a dishonest marriage broker who promises American citizenship after a "paid" introduction (and marriage) to a suitable American mate. Eventually they find their own way, get their green cards, establish citizenship, and a better life.

100 **Level 4**

A LONG ROAD

F. J. Galan

Cambr, 1983; *30 pp; $2.50*
0-8428-9604-X
Series: Adult Literacy

After a series of hardships and close calls, Miguel, an undocumented worker from Mexico, must decide whether to stay in Texas and begin the long process of becoming a citizen or to return to his village and family. A moving and realistic story.

101 **Level 4**

THE LOST BATTALION

A. Moore

Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2928-4
Series: Flashback War

Fred's account of the horror of trench warfare in World War I makes this come alive. Part of the "Lost Battalion," he is surrounded and without food for five days before being rescued. Letters from his girl friend form a counterpoint. Probably of special appeal to men.

102 **Level 4**

LOST ROBBED WOMAN SURVIVES CHICAGO

M. Clark

Janesville, 1982; *12 pp; $0.50*

Though told a little awkwardly, this charming story tells of a lost Chinese immigrant woman who is found by police 9 miles from her home. Fills a need for very low level stories of adult interest. Has a home made look.

103 **Level 5**

LOVE IN BLOOM

J. Abbott

Fearon, 1987; *60 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2380-4
Series: Double Fastback Romance

Mike and Marie share a mutual interest in horticulture, but Mike is so shy it is hard to talk to him. Jeff, fun and talkative, loves rock music and urban landscapes. Can she maintain both friendships?

104 **Level 4**

LOVE LETTERS

H. Coret

NRP, 1988; *63 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6759-9
Series: Sundown Books

A young, poorly educated woman ends up with two men "on the string." One is out to sea, and she needs help to answer his letters. Literacy students will relate to this dilemma! It would be better if the characters were not still in their teens.

105 **Level 4**

MARATHON

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1985; *26 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6499-3
Series: Fastback Sports

A quick, entertaining "go, get 'em" story for anyone, not just sports fans. Focuses on a marathon (26-mile) race and two diehard "winners" in action. There's a twist at the end.

106 **Level 4**

MARKERS

G. Warren

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6493-6
Series: Fastback Sports

A short vignette with a moral. Two pool sharks undertake a "grudge match." The winner believes in beating somebody "so bad he'll hate you enough to get his act together." This is short but discussible, and surprising.

☞ **107** **Level 5**

A MATTER OF PRIDE

L. J. Bledsoe

Fearon, 1989; *72 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-4752-5
Series: An American Family

In 1733, a Yankee woman impulsively marries a South Carolina privateer "on-the-lam," rescues his failing rice plantation, and plots to thwart the King's men who are after them. This is cleaned up history with much appeal. (Number 2 in the series.)

☞ **108** **Level 4**

MISSING IN NEW YORK CITY

M. Williams

P: L, 1988; *23 pp; $1.50*

When he misses his bus, a Chinese immigrant finally comes to the realization that he must learn English to cope with life in the U.S.

109 **Level 2**

THE MISSING PIECE

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-4608-1
Series: LifeTimes 2

Julie, anxious to marry a rock star, allows him to use, hurt and leave her. She finds her "missing piece" in a new job, meets someone new, and handles her new man in a newly mature way. Includes a Southeast Asian friend.

110 **Level 2**

MOLLIE'S YEAR

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1979; *58 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-4316-3
Series: LifeTimes

Mollie loses her husband of 35 years and learns to cope with new situations: a job, money, and friends. Very low reading level fiction intermixed with a few valuable lessons in life skills. "Thinking it over" questions appear after each chapter.

c* 111 **Level 5**

MOUNTAIN IN FEAR

J. C. Miner

Fearon, 1982; *63 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1653-0
Series: Crisis

In a sensitive story about loss, John's twin brother dies in a hiking accident. When he befriends another boy and finally shares his grief, he comes to terms with the incident, and can go on. Discussible.

112 **Level 5**

THE MUDDER

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2397-9
Series: Double Fastback Sports

A star play on a muddy field in an important game ensures Jeff's football scholarship and college education. Values and ethical behavior might be discussed. For football fans.

113 **Level 5**

NAVAJO VICTORY, BEING A NATIVE AMERICAN

J. C. Miner

Crestwd, 1982; *63 pp; $8.95*
0-8968-6175-9
Series: Crisis

An effective tale about a Navajo boy, set in a high school, yet interestingly and simply enough written for all. Navajo life is beyond the experience of many; others will relate to the problems of being different in a new and hostile setting.

114 **Level 2**

NED STEWART'S JOB

J. Spearing

P: L, 1978; *$2.00*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

Ned Stewart, a meat cutter at Neal's Market, can't read. He covers this up very well, until the day the meat wrapper fails to show up for work. Forced to wrap, he mislabels packages and is fired. When he takes an undesirable job dishwashing and "occasional" truck driving, he stumbles into a coincidental adventure. New stiff covers make this more useful to libraries, though this is still a less-than-slick format.

c* 115 **Level 4**

A NEW LEAF

M. Scariano

HiNoon, 1985; *44 pp; $2.50*
0-8787-9504-9
Series: 9 to 5

When Troy is sentenced to an outdoor work probation, he finds a mystery surrounds the dark greenhouse where he is assigned. He must face an on-the-job moral dilemma, which is discussible.

☞ 116 **Level 2**

A NEW LIFE

R. Sorrels

NRP, 1982, 1989; *64 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6200-7
Series: Sundown

When a young couple becomes stranded in a snowstorm they need to think hard to survive themselves as well as help an injured old man and deliver a baby. The moral question of helping others vs. protecting one's own interests makes this discussible as well as adventurous and entertaining.

117 **Level 4**

NEW YEAR'S 1960

H. Guidon

EastEnd, 1985; *30 pp; $2.50*
0-9200-1303-1
Series: The New Start Reading

A photo-illustrated story in very few words. A student helps a woman to escape from her attackers one night as he returns from a New Year's Eve party. The police present him with a good citizen's citation. The reading level seems much lower than 4.

118 **Level 5**

NIGHT ON 'GATOR CREEK

W. Stewart

NRP, 1984; *64 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6765-4
Series: Sundown Books

One night while Mattie and Gramps are fishing, their boat turns over. Mattie is left alone, not knowing where his grandfather is. An adventure story with believable, likable, well-developed characters. Not necessarily for teens, though a teenager is the main character.

☞ 119 **Level 3**

NOBODY KNOWS

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-3683-3
Series: Hopes and Dreams

Relating the experience of migration (not immigration) of Black Americans Mattie and Nate, who leave a southern farm for a Chicago meat packing house. Barred from union membership and abused in a white neighborhood, conditions gradually change as the book progresses.

120 **Level 3**

NOBODY WANTS ANNIE

L. J. Altman

NRP, 1984; *62 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6755-6
Series: Sundown Books

Annie has no job, future or self-confidence. Finding a job at Children's House, a boarding school for problem children, she blossoms, finds self-importance, and grows up. Well done, for the younger adult new reader.

☞ 121 **Level 3**

NO HUNTING

S. Frommer

NRP, 1990; *24 pp; $1.45*
0-8833-6178-7
Series: Kaleidoscope

A scam to profit from unfair and unlawful deer hunting methods is discovered.

☞ 122 Level 4

NO MORE CATS!

S. H. Frommer

NRP, 1990; *24 pp; $1.45*
0-8833-6171-X
Series: Kaleidoscope
Bob lives to regret his ban on house cats. He is a converted cat lover!

123 Level 4

NORTH TO OAK ISLAND

D. Bromley

Fearon, 1977; *59 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5271-6
Series: BesTellers II
Stowaway Will Andrews gets caught up in piracy on the high seas when he finds himself on the ship of the notorious Black Kate. The story is fiction, but the buried treasure of Oak Island is thought to be real, and many attempts have been made to recover it.

☞ 124 Level 5

NO SECRETS

N. White

Fearon, 1987; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2381-2
Series: Double Fastback Romance
In an attempt to improve herself, a truckstop waitress takes a class, meets a new man, and wonders about betraying her old, steady beau. A pleasant romance emphasizing how people change and grow.

☞ 125 Level 4

A NUGGET OF GOLD

M. Cunningham

HiNoon, 1985; *44 pp; $2.50*
0-8787-9505-7
Series: 9 to 5
In a fairly suspenseful turn of events, a young animal shelter worker uncovers a plot to sell dogs, including her special one, "Nugget," to a laboratory. Though the main character is young, this could still hold interest for adults and could prompt some discussion of animal rights. Large, readable type.

☞ 126 Level 3

O LITTLE TOWN

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-3681-7
Series: Hopes and Dreams
Poor harvests and growing industrialization drive Karl Herman to Wisconsin where cheap land and rich soil are the draw. A family story emerges, remarkably complex for this length and format. One point for possible discussion: the family's need to "stay German" vs. their need to be patriots and support the U.S. effort during WWI. This personalizes the German experience in America.

☞ 127 Level 3

OLD WAYS, NEW WAYS

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-3682-1
Series: Hopes and Dreams

The Eastern European Jewish experience in America is personalized.

128 Level 4

ONE SUMMER

F. J. Galan

Cambr, 1983; *27 pp; $2.50*

0-8428-9605-8

Series: Adult Literacy

A young social worker and a teenage drug user share a summer of growing pains in a New York City halfway house.

129 Level 7

ONE WOMAN TEAM

L. J. Bledsoe

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*

0-8224-2940-3

Series: Flashback Sports

Babe Didrickson's victory in the 1932 Olympics is told by her companion. Though this reads like a biography, it is fiction. The historical facts are reviewed at the end.

130 Level 3

THE OTHER SIDE OF YELLOW

J. R. Hull

NRP, 1980; *64 pp; $3.50*

0-8833-6706-8

Series: Sundown Books

When Brad Jensen tries to beat a red light and strikes and kills a young boy, he is forced to re-evaluate his relationship with his family, deal with his guilt, and resolve conflicts within himself. The story is realistically and compassionately told - except, perhaps, for that portion dealing with Brad's brief prison term.

131 Level 3

PAT KING'S FAMILY

K. McFall

NRP, 1977; *64 pp; $2.65*

0-8833-6328-3

A young wife, deserted by her husband, develops an understanding of her failed marriage as she learns to take responsibility for herself and her two young children. A sensitive story.

132 Level 4

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1979; *58 pp; $3.75*

0-8224-4318-X

Series: LifeTimes

A 40-year-old woman returns to school to improve her reading skills and to start preparing for the GED exam. Despite distractions, she is able to fulfill a dream; she establishes her own sewing business. Each chapter is followed by questions which encourage readers to relate the story to their own lives.

133 Level 3

PLAY MONEY

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.75*

0-8224-4607-3

Series: LifeTimes 2

Good story underlining the sensible use of credit cards. Exceptional for its low reading level.

☞ 134 **Level 3**

PUSH TO THE WEST

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1989; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-3678-7
Series: Hopes and Dream

One of a group of recently immigrated Norwegians of the 1870's, the Larsens travel by wagon train from Minnesota to the Dakota territory in this story filled with hopes, fears, and hardships.

135 **Level 6**

QUAKE 8.1

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2913-6
Series: Flashback Disaster

The rescue mission and clean up following the Mexican earthquake of September, 1985 (8.1 on the Richter Scale) is personalized with compelling interest.

136 **Level 4**

A QUESTION OF FREEDOM

L. J. Bledsoe

Fearon, 1988; *87 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6709-7
Series: TaleSpinners II

A tale of the Underground Railroad told from the perspective of those whites who helped escaped slaves. Frederick Douglass and Harriett Tubman play roles in this interesting, believable plot.

137 **Level 4**

RACE AGINST THE RIVER

G. Harruff

Fearon, 1987; *42 pp; $3.60*
0-8224-3631-0
Series: High Stakes Adventures

Rick, who was wary from the outset of the hike in the New Mexican wilderness, ends up rescuing his buddy. He now enjoys hero status! This is a good adventure despite the confusing order of this format. Discussible!

138 **Level 7**

REDMOND'S SHOT

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6498-5
Series: Fastback Sports

Flint Redmond, hockey player, gets a shot at the big leagues. It is up to him now. For hockey fans.

☞ 139 **Level 3**

RHYMES TO READ

Tucson, 1974; *12 pp; $1.25*

Straightforward, predictable rhymes which could be useful to students who find rhymes difficult or for those who learn well through word patterns. The childish nature of the pictures is unfortunate.

140 **Level 3**

RICH MAN, POOR MAN

T. C. Jupp

Monarch, 1976; *29 pp; $2.95*
0-4352-7022-2
Series: Heinemann Guided Readers

Adam, of the village of Minta, receives a money order for 100 pounds from his son in London. The red tape and expense involved in trying to cash that check will be all too familiar to readers from every culture. Illustrations on every page.

141 Level 6

THE RIVALS

M. C. Rosensteel

Fearon, 1987; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2399-5
Series: Double Fastback Sports

Jane teaches tennis following high school graduation while her best friend Kasey takes a scholarship to play college tennis. It takes two competitive tennis games for these two to realize their friendship can overcome mutual isolation and jealousy.

☞ 142 Level 4

ROOKIE SUMMER

B. Gutman

Turmn, 1988; *80 pp; $2.95*
0-8987-2300-0

Only baseball fans will enjoy this realistic look at a young boy's various adjustments to his "discovery" by the major leagues. Smoothly written.

143 Level 6

ROOMMATE WANTED

C. J. Anderton

Fearon, 1987; *44 pp; $3.60*
0-8224-3632-9
Series: High Stakes Adventure

An exciting, though predictable, story offering practice drawing conclusions as well as reading. Adult for some vague romantic interest. The flipping back and forth in this series can be tiresome.

144 Level 4

THE ROOKIE

J. Greene

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6494-2
Series: Fastback Sports

Davey has a chance to break into the rodeo. Accidentally, he learns that Cal, the pro he admires, plans to fix a bronc riding race. Should he turn him in or go along?

145 Level 5

ROSINA TORRES, LPN

J. Pineat, H. Werner

Schol, 1979; *127 pp; $2.75*
0-5903-0592-1
Series: Double Action

A newly graduated LPN is initiated into her hospital routine by a seemingly unsympathetic, hardheaded supervisor. There is a hint of romance in the story.

146 Level 5

A SECOND LOOK

J. Abbott

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2385-5
Series: Double Fastback Romance

Lisa realizes when its almost too late what a great guy she has in Tom. Rick, who is more exciting, has nothing in common with her! Despite the predictability of this classic triangle, you keep on reading.

☞ 147 Level 3

THE SECRET SOLUTION

M. Cunningham

HiNoon, 1985; *44 pp; $2.50*
0-8787-9507-3
Series: 9 to 5

Jim's first painting job goes well until he is implicated for a series of robberies on-site. He must figure out a way to find the real thief fast, even if it does involve a co-worker.

☞ 148 Level 6

SELECTED FROM LOVE MEDICINE

L. Erdrich

LVNYC, 1989; *54 pp; $2.95*
0-9296-3102-1
Series: Writers' Voices

A powerful 23 page selection from the novel, LOVE MEDICINE, this describes a brief incident involving a red convertible and two native Americans, one of whom is a deeply disturbed Vietnam veteran. A discussion of the plight of native Americans as well as the Vietnam War could be aided by the various background information sections. This format makes "branching out" so easy!

☞ 149 Level 6

SELECTED FROM KRAMER VS. KRAMER

A. Corma

LVNYC, 1989; *54 pp; $2.95*
0-9296-3101-3
Series: Writers' Voices

A touching excerpt dwells on the closeness which has grown between a father and son during divorce. Can fathers serve as adequate single parents? Should they have an even chance at custody? A book club discussion is possible after reading this.

150 Level 4

THE SHOPLIFTING GAME

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1979; *59 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-4319-8
Series: LifeTimes

A young woman who "can't stop" shop-lifting is forced to re-examine her values when she is caught. Though somewhat repetitive, this contains interesting information on the effects of shoplifting and the legal process after an arrest.

151 Level 3

SILVABAMA

D. D'Amelio

Fearon, 1977; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5255-8
Series: BesTellers I

Two explorers stumble into a lost jungle world in which pygmies raise giant animals to protect themselves.

☞ 152 Level 4

THE SILVER SPY

J. Greene

Fearon, 1988; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2412-6
Series: Double Fastback Spy

A once complacent French chambermaid, cleaning German headquarters in the Paris of 1943, risks everything to spy for her country.

153 **Level 3**
SO LONG, SNOWMAN
T. Reiff
Fearon, 1979; *58 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-4321-X
Series: LifeTimes

A young man recalls his life, from getting kicked out of high school to becoming addicted to drugs, stealing, and beating the woman with whom he lived. In the last chapter the reader learns he is telling his story from jail but that he is determined to make a new start.

154 **Level 4**
SO WILD A DREAM
C. Florentz
Fearon, 1977; *50 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-5272-8
Series: Bestellers II

Beth Ferguson, entrusted with the delivery of a secret message to American troops during the American Revolution, gets through British lines. On the return trip, she is captured and forced to reveal the identity of a spy she has come to love.

☞ **155** **Level 4**
A SPLENDID LITTLE WAR
S. D. Jones
Fearon, 1989; *69 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-4757-6
Series: An American Family

Journalist Olive Dunford airs her political views to her faithful readers at the onset of the Spanish-American War (1897) and in the process, endangers a member of her family. This is a miniature family saga. (Book number 7 in the series.)

☞ **156** **Level 2**
STOP THAT WOMAN!
S. H. Frommer
NRP, 1990; *16 pp; $1.00*
0-8833-6170-1
Series: Kaleidoscope

A barber "blows the whistle" on one of his more pesky customers. Very low level.

158 **Level 3**
STROKE OF LUCK
C. R. Miller
Fearon, 1981; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6482-9
Series: Sportellers

When swimmer Jan Fisher finishes fourth in the women's 100-meter Olympic trial finals, she begins to wonder if fame and approval have become more important to her than doing her own personal best.

☞ **159** **Level 4**
SUMMER STRIKE-OUT
M. Scariano
HiNoon, 1988; *60 pp; $4.95*
0-8787-9617-7
Series: Meridian Books

Sue Ellis loses her Fixit Shop job, when she uses work time to invent aids that will help her Grandma, who is a stroke victim. Though the main character is very young, this offers an example of how relationships develop between generations, and is therefore recommended for adults. Hardback.

160 **Level 6**

THE SUPER UPSET

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2941-1
Series: Flashback Sports

The Jets didn't have a chance. The Colts were an 18-point favorite and had the best defense in pro football. But Joe Namath said "No, the Jets will win," and guaranteed it. Superbowl III (1968) is described by Namath's bodyguard.

161 **Level 6**

THE SURE THING

S. Bradley

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6497-7
Series: Fastback Sports

Carmen Solar, girl jockey, is offered threats and bribes to throw the race. Angered by the pressure, she is more determined than ever to win. She does. The gambler who tried to bribe her sees this in her personality and bets right.

162 **Level 3**

TAKE AWAY THREE

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1988; *59 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-4602-2
Series: LifeTimes II

Carol, truck driver Rennie's wife, becomes involved with another man while Rennie is on the road. The marriage ends. Only then does Rennie re-evaluate his role as a father and a husband. Especially effective for its low reading level.

163 **Level 5**

TAKE CARE OF MILLIE

J. R. Hull

NRP, 1980; *64 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6704-1
Series: Sundown Books

Millie faces the world without her husband of forty years. She eventually comes to grips with her situation and makes decisions about the life she wants to live. A moving and compassionate story.

☞ **164** **Level 5**

A TEST OF LOYALTY

S. D. Jones

Fearon, 1989; *73 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-4758-4
Series: An American Family

When a union organizer is murdered, the mill owner's son fights back on the side of the exploited workers and dies in the attempt. A chapter of American history not usually highlighted. (Book 8 in the series: 1920.)

165 **Level 4**

THE THRILLER IN MANILA

M. S. Thomas

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2842-X
Series: Flashback Sports

A fictionalized account of the Mohammed Ali/Joe Frazier boxing championship in Manila in 1971 as seen through the eyes of a young Hispanic fighter. Excellent presentation of historical background.

166 **Level 4**

TIGER, LION, HAWK

E. Rice, Jr.

Fearon, 1977; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5268-6
Series: Bestellers II

To avenge the deaths of his brother and friend, Flying Tiger Drew Elsmore battles Japan's Lion of the Skies. A realistic, compassionate, and exciting WW II story.

167 **Level 3**

TIGER ROSE

L. Eisenberg

Fearon, 1980; *59 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1086-9
Series: Laura Brewster Books

Laura Brewster, insurance investigator, goes undercover at a stable where a valuable race horse and stable hand have been killed.

168 **Level 3**

TIME FOR A CHANGE

M. Cebulska

Cambr, 1983; *30 pp; $2.50*
0-8428-9606-6
Series: LVA Readers

Five short stories - some of them humorous, all of them poignant - about people undergoing some major life change.

169 **Level 4**

A TIME TO CHOOSE

T. Reiff

Fearon, 1979; *57 pp; $3.75*
0-8224-4322-8
Series: LifeTimes

A family man is faced with choosing between the glory and promise of a budding racing career and the stability of a job as a head mechanic, a job that would also allow him more time for his wife and children.

170 **Level 7**

THE TRIPLE CROWN DUEL

M. S. Thomas

Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2943-8
Series: Flashback Sports

Thoroughbred horseracing is brought to life through the words of a stableboy observing the Belmont Triple Crown Race, June 10, 1978. Many consider it the most exciting horserace of all time.

171 **Level 3**

TROUBLE AT CATSKILL CREEK

A. G. Gersdorf

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5339-8
Series: Bestellers

When the Catskill Mountain town of Snowfall is destroyed to make way for a reservoir, Grandfather Craft, adamant about not leaving, is suspected of many pranks which thwart the work of the excavators. The issues of change, age, and preserving one's past and roots could be discussed, as well as the issue of country life vs. city life and the effects of progress.

172 **Level 6**
TURK
D. J. Marlowe
Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6495-0
Series: Fastback Sports

An abrasive yet talented college basketball player jeopardizes his future playing career. His more political girlfriend helps him to learn patience, maturity and survival.

173 **Level 3**
TWISTER!
C. and P. Matthews
Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2911-X
Series: Flashback Disaster

Using the Great Tornado of 1925 as a setting, this tells the story of Ben, the sheriff, and his family as they hide out underground. A murder is solved.

☞ **174** **Level 5**
TWO KINDS OF PATRIOTS
L. J. Bledsoe
Fearon, 1989; *68 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-4753-3
Series: An American Family

One citizen's wrenching decision to join the Revolution is further complicated by his winter as a soldier at Valley Forge. (Book 3 in this series: 1778.)

175 **Level 4**
U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS
L. L. Haynes
Fearon, 1987; *28 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2929-2
Series: Flashback War

An entirely true story, this relates the horrors of war during the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis in WW II, one of the Navy's worst disasters. Told by the ship's doctor, who floated at sea without drinking water for over 55 hours before rescue. Conditions could be tied into a valuable discussion of health and moral questions of survival and the human results of war.

176 **Level 4**
THE VERLAINE CROSSING
S. Otfinoski
Fearon, 1977; *44 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5264-9
Series: Bestellers I

Action-packed adventure on a fast-moving passenger train. The changing identity of the characters from good guys to bad and back again is confusing but not impossible to untangle.

177 **Level 5**
VICTORY AT INCHON
A. Moore
Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.80*
0-8224-2930-6
Series:Flashback War

General MacArthur's decision to invade at Inchon during the Korean War, against almost insurmountable odds, is told by the junior officer who unwillingly followed orders. Could provoke a discussion of military protocol.

☞ 178 Level 2

WELCOME TO SKULL CANYON

P. Hill

Fearon, 1988; *74 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5336-3
Series: Bestellers

Though somewhat predictable, this western fills a need for new titles of this genre. It includes lots of gunfire, a man-against-man duel, a scapegoat, and a satisfying ending.

179 Level 4

WET FIRE

W. H. Wheeler

Fearon, 1977; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5273-0
Series: Bestellers II

The director of an art museum and a magazine writer endure the attacks of leeches, insects, and snakes in the jungles of Borneo to recover the lost golden statues of an ancient people.

☞ 180 Level 2

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

S. H. Frommer

NRP, 1990; *24 pp; $1.45*
0-8833-6174-4
Series: Kaleidoscope

When Al says to his friend, "I'll cover for you the way you covered for me" the reader will detect underlying sarcasm, a major accomplishment for this reading level.

181 Level 6

WHO KILLED THE QUARTERBACK?

V. Call

Call, 1986; *43 pp; $2.50*
0-9395-8904-4

When his teammate is murdered, Billy Joe, the star quarterback, is the prime suspect. He needs to do his own dective work, fast! Though there are many characters to keep straight, the tale holds interest. The numerous phonetic respellings are intrusive; a somewhat "homespun" format, with no illustrations, could be improved.

182 Level 6

WILLIE'S CHOICE

W. Warren

Fearon, 1987; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2393-6
Series: Double Fastback Sports

A believable and unpredictable tale about a fighter on the way down who relives the past and considers the future during the course of his last fight which he has been ordered to "throw." Discussible.

183 Level 5

WINNING TWICE

F. Richardson

DynPrg, 1976; *68 pp; $2.95*
Series: Turk Tonelli Series

When Don (Turk) Tonelli wins big money in a bowling tournament, it builds his confidence to finish high school and go into business. But then Don's father loses the money in a swindle, and Don joins the Army to escape the life he sees ahead of him. His story is continued in DARK TO BRIGHT FUTURE, #39.

184 **Level 3**

WOMAN'S WORK, MAN'S WORK

R. Keller

NRP, 1990; *32 pp; $1.98*

0-8833-6998-2

Series: Fitting In

In a human interest story targeted at Mexican-American immigrants but relevant to many others, Ernesto needs to master English in order to successfully hold a job. In the meantime he is forced to change his thinking about housework and his wife's career.

185 **Level 3**

YOU ARE NOT MY FATHER

R. Keller

NRP, 1990; *32 pp; $1.98*

0-8833-6999-0

Series: Fitting In

Peng and his Laotian family have difficulty adjusting to American customs. A shameful and unsettling dependence develops in him when his twelve year old son masters English before Dad. This is discussible.

Mystery and Horror

186 **Level 3**

THE ACTOR

A. Jackson

Fearon, 1979; *43 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-6432-2

Series: Specter

Great Uncle Bill's photograph is Alex Bolt's key to a successful — if ghostly — acting career.

187 **Level 7**

THE ACTRESS

M. C. Rosensteel

Fearon, 1987; *62 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2359-G

Series: Double Fastback Mystery

A young photojournalist and her impossible first assignment: to interview an elusive and aging movie queen. She uncovers a secret and finds there is more to the story than meets the eye. Quite a bit of detail in 62 pages.

188 **Level 5**

AGAINST THE WALL

J. Sutter

Fearon, 1988; *61 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2413-4

Series: Double Fastback Spy

Doc Deconta chooses between the betrayal of his employer and his newfound country or his sister's life.

189 **Level 5**

THE AIR FREIGHT MYSTERY

W. E. Butterworth

Schol, 1979; *128 pp; $2.95*

0-5903-0556-1

Series: Double Action

Steve Davis, an employee of Global Airways, becomes involved in a smuggling operation. A believable story with an ingenious twist.

190 **Level 5**

BRANNIGAN'S FOLLY

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $2.85*
0-8224-2360-X
Series: Double Flashback Mystery

Sarah inherits an old house from her oddball inventor uncle. Will they discover hidden treasure? The clue to its whereabouts is in a nursery rhyme. This is just for fun.

191 **Level 4**

BAD MOON

D. Bromley

Fearon, 1979; *56 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5362-2
Series: Bestellers III

A private detective investigates the murder of a magician on the 13th anniversary of his death. An intriguing mystery with a surprise ending.

192 **Level 3**

THE BEAST

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1986; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-6502-7
Series: Double Fastback, S. O. S.

Some "thing" seizes counselor Donna O'Hara amongst Camp Condor's "endless pines." Enter the Strange Occurrence Squad (S.O.S.) to solve the problem. (They sound like Ghostbusters.) Unbelievable, entertaining, and told with underlying humor.

193 **Level 5**

BEGINNER'S LUCK

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1986; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-1452-X
Series: Fastback Crime and Detection

A budding young mystery writer and amateur detective is almost kidnapped. This could be useful for a discussion of personal safety.

194 **Level 3**

BILL WAITE'S WILL

A. Moore

Fearon, 1984; *29 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3466-0
Series: Fastback Mystery

An old prospector dies and leaves his half of the claim to his partner. What is it about that will that sends sudden panic into the heart of Cally Enright?

195 **Level 4**

THE BLACK CAT

J. Milne

Monarch, 1975; *47 pp; $3.50*
0-4352-7012-5
Series: Heinemann Guided Readers

When an archeologist is murdered, an Egyptian policeman begins a dangerous international search for the black cat from a pharaoh's tomb. Maps, diagrams, line drawings, and pages from the inspector's notebook aid in understanding.

196 **Level 5**

THE BLACK GOLD CONSPIRACY

S. Timmons

Fearon, 1988; *62 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2409-6
Series: Double Fastback Spy

An author of spy novels becomes involved with Middle Eastern terrorists and uncovers the mystery of the treacherous oil being shipped to the U.S. which ruins all engines using it.

197 **Level 5**

THE CALLER

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1985; *26 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3772-4
Series: Fastback Horror

A crank phone caller whose evil "becomes" alive and attacks a young woman.

198 **Level 3**

THE CANDY MAN

S. Bradley

Fearon, 1977; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5265-X
Series: Bestellers I

A vacation in New York City turns into a nightmare for Peg Johnson when she discovers a statue packed with heroin in her coat pocket.

☞ **199** **Level 4**

THE CARDIFF HILL MYSTERY

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1988; *58 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5340-1
Series: Bestellers

When Beth inherits her great grandmother's house, several suspicious people take an unusual interest in her life. A well written thriller/mystery.

200 **Level 5**

THE CASTLE OF DANGER

M. Stewart

Lngmn, 1981; *126 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-2688-4
Series: Longman Simplified English

A naive young governess, an isolated chateau, a dashing but moody and secretive nobleman, and attempted murder equal Gothic romance. A good adaptation of a novel by a mistress of the genre. Adapted by C. Turvey.

201 **Level 3**

CLAWS

J. Landon

Monarch, 1980; *58 pp; $3.50*
0-4352-7070-2
Series: Heinemann Guided Readers

Larry Bakewell signs on as cook for an expedition in search of the dangerous beast, the Toruk. But the true danger lurks elsewhere. This enjoyable book is easy on the eye, and understanding is aided by maps, drawings, and "reproductions" of notebook pages. Optional comprehension questions appear at the back.

202 **Level 4**
THE COBRA
R. Laymon
Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6535-3
Series: Fastback Spy
Undercover cop Blake Douglas poses as an assassin, "The Cobra," in order to bust a terrorist group. Entertaining, and reminiscent of the Patty Hearst story.

203 **Level 5**
COMING HOME
K. Liberatore
Fearon, 1987; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2328-6
Series: Double Fastback Horror
Sara Collins' uncle has died. She inherits his haunted farmhouse in rural Missouri. The spirits that inhabit the house "take" her and make her one of them.

204 **Level 4**
COUNTERFEIT!
W. H. Wheeler
Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5363-0
Series: Bestellers III
Interpol agents crush a counterfeiting ring centered in Honduras. Though the plot is sometimes difficult to follow as it shifts viewpoint from chapter to chapter, the story is interesting and suspenseful.

205 **Level 4**
DAWSON'S CITY
R. Laymon
Fearon, 1984; *28 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3457-1
Series: Fastback Mystery
Tony Matheson picks the wrong purse to snatch this time. Suddenly he is running for his life. Who is this super woman?

206 **Level 5**
THE DEADLY CUCKOO
J. Greene
Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2408-8
Series: Double Fastback Spy
A British secret agent needs to get out of East Berlin - fast.

207 **Level 3**
A DEADLY GAME
A. Jackson
Fearon, 1979; *41 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6434-9
Series: Specter
A deadly chess set turns against its owner after killing off his adversaries and building him a fortune.

208 **Level 6**
DEADLY ROSE
J. Lorimer
Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2329-4
Series: Double Fastback Horror
The evil spirit of a former tenant has taken possession of Jill as she and her friend rent the Rose vacation cottage. Mysterious happenings, a major confrontation, and a resolution all make for a very successful ghost story.

209 Level 4

THE DEMETER STAR

A. F. Oreshik

Fearon, 1977; *60 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5270-4

Series: Bestellers II

Scuba divers face great dangers in attempts to recover treasure from a sunken cargo ship. Suspenseful and satisfying.

210 Level 2

DETECTIVES FROM SCOTLAND YARD

L. G. Alexander

Lngmn, 1966; *16 pp; $4.25*

0-5825-3704-5

Series: Longman Structural Readers

Two thieves burglarize a bank and adjoining home. To do so, they misrepresent themselves as Scotland Yard detectives. They pick the wrong house! Very easy reading and colorful illustrations move the story along. Students enjoy this format. See series notes.

211 Level 4

DIAMONDS IN THE DIRT

A. Campbell

Fearon, 1977; *44 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5269-8

Series: Bestellers I

Unknown to its young owners, the new racing track of the Eldorado Moto Cross Club has been built over $2,000,000 worth of stolen diamonds. An improbable but easy-to-follow plot.

212 Level 5

THE DIARY

A. Moore

Fearon, 1984; *30 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-3464-4

Series: Fastback Mystery

Tony trusted Agnes - until he read her diary. What his wife was planning made Tony's blood run cold.

213 Level 7

THE DOLLHOUSE

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2330-8

Series: Double Fastback Horror

Elderly Aunt Ellen's health improves when she prepares dolls for her dollhouse. The dolls are exact duplicates of young girls! If you like horror, here it is. A variation of a voodoo doll theme.

214 Level 7

DOUBLE EXPOSURE

K. Girard

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-6539-6

Series: Fastback Spy

If the reader can keep the characters straight, this is a fast-moving, entertaining and violent story that reads like a made-for-TV movie. A missile systems company employee, Frank Egan, provides the FBI with evidence that Arnie Lucas has sold military secrets to the Soviets. Given a new identity, he traps another spy ring. Such is the life of a spy.

215 **Level 3**

DREAM OF THE DEAD

M. Seth

Fearon, 1977; *59 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5256-0
Series: Bestellers I

Diana's mind is taken over by the ghost of a Scottish girl who died 200 years ago. A gothic romance/horror story with the traditionally satisfying ending.

216 **Level 3**

DREAMS

A. Jackson

Fearon, 1979; *25 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6435-7
Series: Specter

A recurring nightmare about a devastating accident haunts a newly-employed train porter. This is short and simple.

217 **Level 3**

THE EAR

A. Jackson

Fearon, 1979; *57 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6436-5
Series: Specter

An artist who believes himself to be Van Gogh reincarnated cuts off his ear and sends it to his friend, who can rid herself of it only by flying to France and burying it in Van Gogh's grave.

218 **Level 4**

EIGHT GHOST STORIES

S. H. Burton

Lngmn, 1979; *73 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-4078-X
Series: Longman Structural Readers

Eight short contemporary ghost stories, illustrated with drawings. Though predictable, these are fun and in the "Twilight Zone" tradition.

☞ **219** **Level 5**

ELLERY QUEEN PRESENTS

AudLang, 1986; *121 pp; $2.99*
0-8864-6831-0

Well done suspense stories with a twist: WOMAN TROUBLE, CLAP HANDS, THERE GOES CHARLIE, A NICE PLACE TO STAY, and LAUGHTER BEFORE DYING. Cassettes feature a word-for-word reading of the text. Spiral bound with a sturdy case for cassettes. See series comments. Adapted by S. Dawson. Additional books are $5.95.

220 **Level 7**

THE EXPERIMENT

G. Brandner

Fearon, 1987; *58 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2331-6
Series: Double Fastback Horror

It may be stress, but Frank Traveler (significant name) thinks he is surrounded by aliens from another planet. Then he discovers HE is the alien. Everyone else belongs here. This horror and excitement would be especially appealing to the young adult.

☞ 221 **Level 4**

THE EYE OF KALI

J. Lorimer
Fearon, 1988; *75 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6704-6
Series: TaleSpinners

A lively mystery about a stolen emerald, attractive characters, and the bonds of friendship.

223 **Level 4**

THE FACE THAT STOPPED TIME

M. Cebulash
Fearon, 1984; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3465-2
Series: Fastback Mystery

Why would anyone want to murder a beautiful teacher from Emerson High? Detective Paul Suriano unravels the mystery.

224 **Level 4**

FALLING STAR

L. Eisenberg
Fearon, 1980; *57 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1081-8
Series: Laura Brewster Books

Insurance investigator Laura Brewster becomes suspicious when a heavily insured Hollywood star is killed in an accident.

225 **Level 5**

FAMILY REUNION

J. Lorimer
Fearon, 1987; *62 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2363-4
Series: Double Fastback Mystery

Relatives compete for the lion's share of Aunt Stella's hefty estate. One almost succeeds in murder. This one holds your interest!

226 **Level 4**

FAST FOOD KING

L. Eisenberg
Fearon, 1980; *58 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1082-6
Series: Laura Brewster Books

Reginald Bumpo, developer of the Bumpo Burger, is poisoned by his company's new secret-formula hamburger sauce, and Laura is sent to investigate.

227 **Level 5**

FAST FORWARD

J. Greene
Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2332-4
Series: Double Fastback Horror

A VCR with special powers takes control of Don's life. A new technological twist to the usual horror story formula.

228 **Level 3**

THE '57 T-BIRD

A. Jackson
Fearon, 1979; *36 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6437-3
Series: Specter

A haunted car seriously injures one owner after another - all of them named Edward.

229 **Level 6**

FINAL WARNING

D. Bromley
Fearon, 1982; *75 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1932-7
Series: Doomsday Journals

A radical activist and her scientist brother conspire to teach the world a lesson about the dangers of nuclear power, with tragic consequences of mammoth proportion. This is more difficult reading than other titles in the series because of some technical language and the fact that the point of view skips around a bit.

230 **Level 4**

FIREBALL

D. Bromley

Fearon, 1982; *75 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1933-5
Series: Doomsday Journals

Suspense builds when a giant supertanker ships some highly explosive natural gas to Galveston, Texas. Even though the point of view shifts from Galveston to the advancing supertanker, and back with each chapter, the shifts are clear. Compelling reading.

231 **Level 4**

FLIGHT OF THE SPARROW

J. Greene

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6540-X
Series: Fastback Spy

A Soviet agent, "The Sparrow" defects to Great Britain. A British agent tries to meet him at the airport only to be intercepted by two others.

☞ **232** **Level 4**

FLYING CIRCUS

E. W. Thomas

HiNoon, 1986; *44 pp; $2.50*
0-8787-9532-4
Series: Unusual Events

Mystery and intrigue are woven into the plot when two young men take a job in a "flying circus," an air show, and uncover a dangerous plan.

233 **Level 5**

A GAME FOR FOOLS

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1984; *29 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3458-X
Series: Fastback Mystery

Taps Enderman plans the perfect robbery, but then life plays him a cruel joke.

234 **Level 4**

A GAME OF REVENGE

C. A. Conway

Fearon, 1986; *91 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6408-X
Series: Super Specter

The old Collins house, empty for 22 years, is re-inhabited by four young people. A force inside the house uncovers a personal issue for one of them.

235 **Level 3**

GIRL AGAINST THE JUNGLE

M. Vincent

Lngmn, 1982; *32 pp; $3.95*
0-5827-9821-3
Series: Longman American Structural Readers

An English woman hopes to return to her home in Peru for Christmas vacation, but a plane crash in the Amazon jungle turns her holiday into a nightmare. An exciting survival story, profusely illustrated with photographs.

236 **Level 5**

THE GOOD LUCK SMILING CAT

P. Garrison

Fearon, 1984; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3459-8
Series: Fastback Mystery Books
Mark Pryor is on the run - wanted for a murder he didn't commit. He needs all his strength and wits to prove himself innocent.

237 **Level 4**

A GUEST FROM THE GRAVE

J. R. Piggin

Fearon, 1986; *73 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6404-7
Series: Super Specter
Adelaide Simmons dies alone in a nursing home. Her heirs fail to attend her funeral and they live to regret it. Very suspenseful, especially for this reading level.

238 **Level 3**

GUTS

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1985; *27 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3771-6
Series: Fastback Horror
A clever, frightening story where two men set out to repossess a hearse and find its contents surprising.

239 **Level 5**

THE HAM WHO CRIED WOLF

K. Girard

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6536-1
Series: Fastback Spy
CB Radio buff Mike Hammond picks up strange signals on his homemade equipment; the secret transmissions of foreign agents. Entertaining.

240 **Level 4**

HIT MAN

L. Eisenberg

Fearon, 1984; *74 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6262-1
Series: South City Cops
Officers Eddy Hall and Kate Brightwater plan security for two important foreign visitors to South City. A potential assassin, who resembles Officer Brightwater, must be foiled. Suspenseful.

241 **Level 4**

HOMECOMING

A. Jackson

Fearon, 1979; *52 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6438-1
Series: Specter
Helen is saved from death at the hands of her uncle by the spirit of a handsome young man who died over 200 years ago. Gothic suspense and romance.

242 Level 4

HONG KONG HEAT

R. Colby

Fearon, 1988; *59 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5342-8
Series: Bestellers

On a Hong Kong business trip, Dennis is drugged by a beautiful woman who fits the description of a thief who took his customers' jewels and antiques. This thriller is first rate and offers the reader a glimpse at another world.

243 Level 4

HOUSE OF LAUGHS

L Eisenberg

Fearon, 1980; *57 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1084-2
Series: Laura Brewster Books

Laura Brewster investigates the death of a friend at the Superama Amusement Park and narrowly escapes death herself. A double entendre helps to solve the mystery.

244 Level 4

I DIED HERE

G. Shea

Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5364-9
Series: Bestellers III

A man murdered in Greece in another life feels compelled to bring his murderers to justice.

245 Level 4

THE INTRUDER

R Laymon

Fearon, 1984; *27 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3460-1
Series: Fastback Mystery

Goldie O'Neill is awakened by the sound of breaking glass. Someone is in the house! This suspenseful tale ends with a twist. . .upon a twist.

246 Level 5

JANIE

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1984; *29 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3461-X
Series: Fastback Mystery

How can a young barmaid afford $300 boots? And who is her "friend" in the Cadillac?

247 Level 7

KNIFE IN THE DARK

G. Harruff

Fearon, 1987; *60 pp; $3.60*
0-8224-3628-0
Series: High Stakes Adventures

A fairly complicated mystery set in Bangkok where an American tourist becomes involved in a jewelry theft and is accused of murder. Like others in this series, the story's chapters are in the "wrong" order. The reader's judgement is called upon to follow the right path.

248 Level 3

K'S FIRST CASE

L. G. Alexander

Lngmn, 1982; *58 pp; $3.95*
0-5827-9815-9
Series: Longman American Structural Readers

An arresting whodunit told with the aid of diagrams, drawings, cartoons, and notes. The reader is asked to follow Detective Kathy Kirby's interrogations and reasoning to try to guess the identity of the murderer before it is revealed in the story. A low reading level but a rather involved plot.

249 **Level 5**

THE LAST HAND

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6541-8
Series: Fastback Spy

Brad Conroy is a spy who can't mess up or he's on his last mission. He does get sidetracked but is rescued. There is action and violence here but it is entertaining and readable.

250 **Level 3**

THE LAST RED ROSE

S. D. Jones

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2414-2
Series: Double Fastback Spy

A former CIA agent gets caught up in the middle of the action again.

251 **Level 6**

THE LEGEND

A. Nussbaum

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6542-6
Series: Fastback Spy

A World War II commando returns to the scene of his exploits in order to bring back the remains of a comrade. Only then does he learn that his friend was really a traitor.

252 **Level 4**

LIVE BAIT

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.56*
0-8224-3770-1
Series: Fastback Horror

A maniacal killer sets a clever trap to procure models for his bizarre paintings. Horror tale with a happy ending.

253 **Level 3**

THE LOST LOVE, AND OTHER STORIES

J. Carew

Lngmn, 1978; *28 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3690-1
Series: Longman Structural Readers

Four entertaining and eerie short stories in English settings. A few British spellings and expressions do not interfere with comprehension. The appended exercises are not particularly helpful.

254 **Level 5**

THE LOST TRAIN

R. Middleton

Fearon, 1987; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2364-2
Series: Double Fastback Mystery

A history professor falls heir to Civil War letters that provide the clue to a well-kept Confederate secret: a gold-filled train that is buried in the side of a mountain. Though many characters are introduced in a short span, this is an interesting plot.

255 **Level 5**

THE LOTTERY WINNER

A. Moore

Fearon, 1986; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-1456-2
Series: Fastback Crime and Detection

An uncanny resemblance to a lottery winner leads one man to concoct a scheme to take the winner's place. Cleverly written story. The truth wins out in the end.

256 **Level 5**

MAD DOG

B. Farrell

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3778-3
Series: Fastback Horror

Poor medical care causes a man to suffer brain damage. Years later those responsible pay for their mistake with their lives. A horrible ending, though not really a classic horror story.

257 **Level 4**

MAN IN THE CAGE

L. Eisenberg

Fearon, 1981; *75 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6728-3
Series: TaleSpinners

Ann Iwasaki's frightening adventure begins when she discovers a dead man in one of the pet shop's cages.

258 **Level 6**

THE MAN WHO COULD'T COME CLEAN

J. R. Piggin

Fearon, 1986; *90 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6403-9
Series: Super Specter

Thanks to the magic powers of Maddy Alder, Tim is cursed with filth! He cannot remove the dirt from himself no matter how hard he tries. Truly a horror story. Main characters are young adults.

259 **Level 6**

MAZE OF TERROR

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1986; *90 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6407-1
Series: Super Specter

When Meg O'Brien takes a dream job teaching art in a small town she finds some very strange people who wear similar medallions and are overly interested in her Irish, Druid roots. A good horror novel.

260 **Level 4**

MEET ME IN ISTANBUL

R. Chisholm

Monarch, 1979; *58 pp; $3.50*
0-4352-7060-5
Series: Heinemann Guided Readers

When Tom Smith arrives in Istanbul to visit his fiancee, he is told that she was killed in a car accident. But Tom saw her from the window of his bus just yesterday! This offers mystery and intrigue in an exotic setting. Questions and glossary at back are of little value and the print is small and tightly spaced.

261 **Level 5**

MIND GRABBER

G. Brandner

Fearon, 1987; *62 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2335-9

Series: Double Fastback Horror

The murderous personality of a young hood is magically or electrically transmitted to two other living bodies at the time of his death by lightning. Amazingly believable for a horror story.

262 **Level 4**

THE MUNICH CONNECTION

P. Cooper

Lngmn, 1982; *44 pp; $4.25*

0-5825-2787-2

Series: Longman Structural Readers

An exciting British mystery (told in the first person) which traces Scotland Yard's investigation of a jewelry store robbery and murder across international boundaries.

263 **Level 3**

MURDER BEHIND THE WHEEL

L. Eisenberg

Fearon, 1984; *74 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-6264-8

Series: South City Cops

By context, this is clearly the first of the series, though it is listed fourth in the catalog. New partners Kate Brightwater and Eddy Hall investigate the murder of two policemen who themselves were tracking a series of car thefts and seemingly related bank robberies.

264 **Level 5**

MURDER BY PHONE

C. J. Anderton

Fearon, 1987; *44 pp; $3.60*

0-8224-3630-2

Series: High Stakes Adventures

A seventy-year old bedridden stroke victim attends college classes via telephone. She overhears a murder plot and must discover who it is. Good story, though this series requires lots of flipping back and forth.

265 **Level 4**

THE NIGHT CREATURE

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1986; *61 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-6501-9

Series: Double Fastback S.O.S.

This first title in the series establishes the Strange Occurrence Squad team: a psychic, a cop, and a generic expert on weird happenings. In their first case they stymie a vampire guilty of several murders. Fun, a little "young adult"ish, but has a reasonable plot.

266 **Level 4**

THE NIGHT MARCHERS

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2365-0

Series: Double Fastback Mystery

A frightening, exciting, lightweight tale set in the Hawaiian Islands. Several accidents and robberies begin to mar the breathtaking beauty of this spot where Nora plans to begin a new life. Exposes a new reader to an exotic and new setting.

267 **Level 5**

NIGHT PROWLERS

B. Malin

Sc,For, 1982; *63 pp; $3.45*
0-6732-4141-6
Series: Adult Readers Library

One family's terrifying experience with a poltergeist is fictionalized. Uses a text which offers a variety of formats: investigative reports, personal letters, and newspaper articles. The point of view changes from chapter to chapter, but these changes are made clear with chapter headings.

268 **Level 4**

NIGHT RIDE

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3767-7
Series: Fastback Horror

A spooky tale of peculiar people, a peculiar bus ride and a peculiar crash. Phil relives it over and over but he can't change the outcome.

269 **Level 5**

NO POWER ON EARTH

J. R. Piggin

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3776-7
Series: Fastback Horror

An inherited painting comes to life and tragically interferes in the lives of those near it. A shocking, entertaining, horror tale.

270 **Level 4**

NO RENT TO PAY

A. Jackson

Fearon, 1979; *51 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6439-X
Series: Specter

A young couple discovers that they have rented a house from a dead woman!

271 **Level 5**

NO WITNESSES

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1984; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3467-9
Series: Fastback Mystery

No witnesses and no clues - except a piece of nylon cord that proves to be the strangler's undoing.

272 **Level 5**

ON THE RUN

L. Eisenberg

Fearon, 1984; *74 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6265-6
Series: South City Cops

Amy Cougan, falsely accused of murder, is hiding from the police and the rest of the world. That is why she doesn't know they have found the real killer! Patrolmen Hall and Brightwater to the rescue.

273 **Level 5**

OPERATION MASTERMIND

L. G. Alexander

Lngmn, 1971; *62 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3741-X
Series: Longman Structural Readers

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This thriller pits Secret Agent John Carstairs against a maniacal computer bent on taking over the world. Though the print is small, there is good use of white space and an illustration on every page. Questions at the end are not useful.

274 **Level 5**

THE PAYOFF GAME

L. Eisenberg
Fearon, 1984; *75 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6266-4
Series: South City Cops

Officers Eddy Hall and Kate Brightwater investigate a protection racket and are led deep into danger. Viewpoint shifts from police to perpetrator, but different typefaces help to keep the shifts clear.

275 **Level 6**

PENSION PLAN

D. J. Marlowe
Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6543-4
Series: Fastback Spy

A Russian agent thwarts his KGB superiors and saves himself, his wife and children. Proper names may be difficult, but this is an entertaining, clever story.

276 **Level 5**

PICTURE OF EVIL

J. Lorimer
Fearon, 1988; *59 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2411-8
Series: Double Fastback Spy

A CIA double agent affair about an innocent photographer who witnesses and takes pictures of a planned "accident." He and his girlfriend, who are threatened to keep quiet, uncover the whole story in time to save a life. Involved, but very exciting and might require some tutor assistance.

277 **Level 4**

THE POISON PEN MYSTERY

J. Lorimer
Fearon, 1988; *76 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6711-9
Series:
Talespinners II

As friends gather in a Victorian home for a "mystery weekend" they get more mystery than they bargained for. Mysterious rhyming threats make for an original plot.

278 **Level 3**

THE PSYCHIC

P. Victor
Lngmn, 1982; *30 pp; $3.95*
0-5827-9823-X
Series: Longman American Structural Readers

James Kenmore, con man turned "psychic," becomes frightened when his powers begin to take over. One day he reveals too much. (One cause for confusion for the adult new reader: once on the first page and again on the back cover Kenmore is referred to as "Brent," the character's name in the original British version of this story.)

279 **Level 5**

THE PUPPETEER

S. D. Jones

Fearon, 1988; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2410-X
Series: Double Fastback Spy

J.K. Porter's last assignment fails and he never captures the double agent. Martha, the woman he loves, surfaces, then disappears. Porter is accused of being the double agent! This one is quite good.

280 **Level 4**

SECRET SPY

A. Martin

Fearon, 1979; *56 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5368-1
Series: Bestellers III

A suspenseful spy thriller involving a switched tape recorder and an unsuspecting traveler. The enemy agent is revealed by his pronunciation of the letters of the alphabet! Fun and exciting.

281 **Level 3**

THE SEEP

D. Bromley

Fearon, 1982; *75 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-1935-1
Series: Doomsday Journals

Dangerous chemicals which have seeped into the water supply cause violent and savage behavior in people and animals. Rod Milner must find the cause.

☞ 282 **Level 4**

THE SET-UP

M. Scariano

HiNoon, 1985; *44 pp; $2.50*
0-8787-9506-5
Series: 9 to 5

When Jake helps Lee land a job at City Auto, several cars vanish. Is Lee taking them? And, where does Jake's loyalty lie? This is an on-the-job dilemma as well as a convincing mystery.

283 **Level 5**

SHOCKED TO DEATH

C. J. Anderton

Fearon, 1987; *60 pp; $3.60*
0-8224-3633-7
Series: High Stakes Adventures

Mike Marlowe, sports writer, tries to prevent golfer Emma Price from being killed by her jealous husband. In this series, the reader needs to flip back and forth to different sections of the book.

284 **Level 4**

SHOOTOUT AT JOE'S

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1984; *27 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-3462-8
Series: Fastback Mystery

More than thirty years ago Joe Lowry ran off with Martha Dipswarth. Now his jilted lover is holding hostages in Joe's Bar and Grill.

285 **Level 4**

THE SIAMESE CAT

L. Keane

Lngmn, 1985; *32 pp; $3.95*
0-5827-9880-9
Series: Longman American Structural Readers

A selfish man's degeneration into madness after he cheats an old woman. This surrealistic story is told through a series of letters with additional conversational text. An interesting format with many black and white drawings.

286 **Level 3**

SILVER BLAZE

A. C. Doyle

Monarch, 1987; *58 pp; $3.50*
0-4352-7109-1
Series: Heinemann Guided Readers

A collection of good Sherlock Holmes mystery short stories (narrated by Watson) which draw the reader into the story. There is an element of wonder in each. (This is for the student who seeks some exposure to this genre and is ready for the challenge of small, dense print.) Retold by A. Collins.

287 **Level 5**

THE SLEEPERS

A. Nussman

Fearon, 1987; *61 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-2366-9
Series: Double Fastback Mystery

A 61-page detective type thriller using phonetic words. Story has several twists.

288 **Level 5**

SMALL TOWN BEAT

D. J. Marlowe

Fearon, 1986; *30 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-1459-7
Series: Fastback Crime and Detection

Police Chief Edward Wilcox, once chief of a 500-man, big city force, faces disciplinary action and now commands only 25 men. He foils a burglary operation by federal officials, and proves to himself he can handle it. This theme is typical of this series.

289 **Level 7**

SNOWBOUND

A. Nussman

Fearon, 1986; *29 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-1460-0
Series: Fastback Crime and Detection

A murder occurs in a snowbound cabin. A retired policeman solves the murder despite a lack of evidence; the snow covered it.

290 **Level 6**

SOMETIMES NIGHTMARES ARE REAL

C. A. Conway

Fearon, 1986; *90 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6407-1
Series: Super Specter

A man is killed because he knew too much. Lisa, who has the dubious talent of dreaming events before they happen, predicts this oné. A good thriller.

291 **Level 6**

THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD

J. LeCarre

AudLang, 1963; *150 pp; $29.95*
0-8864-6828-0
Series: Read-Along

An excellent production and format, this spiral bound book with 2 audio cassettes is a convincing abridgement. This could lead to a discussion of the whole concept of spying, what it does to the individuals and countries involved. The cassette is a word-for-word reading featuring John LeCarre's own English accent. Abridged by S. Dawson. Additional books, $5.95.

292 Level 4 — 5

STORMY NIGHT STORIES

NRP, 1988; *16 pp ea; $1.25 ea*

Ten individual booklets offering adaptations of mystery stories previously published in Ellery Queen's and Alfred Hitchcock's magazines. The set slips into a cardboard binder and is geared to the LAUBACH WAY TO READING series; titles are listed in order of increasing difficulty. Effectively spaced and well written, a word list and phonics skills appear briefly at the end of each story. A slim teachers' guide summarizes each booklet. If the format were changed to include several stories together, this would be more practical for libraries. THE STOLEN ROMNEY, 0-8833-6992-3B; THE PROBLEM OF THE PINK POST OFFICE, 0-8833-6992-3C; MR. STRANG PICKS UP THE PIECES, 0-8833-6992-3G; THE CRYSTAL SET, 0-8833-6992-3E; MINI-SCAM, 0-8833-6992-3F; TOASTED ONIONS, 0-8833-6992-3A, A DASH OF MURDER, 0-8833-6992-3D; WHO CAN YOU TRUST?, 0-8833-6992-3J; NEW ORLEANS GETAWAY, 0-8833-6992-3H; LINE OF FIRE, 0-8833-6991-5; Teacher's guide, $1.50; entire set: $14.95.

293 Level 4

THAT MAN

A. Billups

NRP, 1990; *80 pp; $3.50*

0-8833-6766-1

Series: Sundown

Several mysterious happenings bedevil a "60-something" couple when they embark on their contest prize train trip to Florida.

294 Level 3

THREE MILE HOUSE

J. McAuliffe

Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5254-6

Series: Bestellers I

When Bob Riley takes on a job delivering mysterious packages for an eccentric rich man, he finds himself hunted on the streets of San Francisco. A smooth, quick-moving plot.

295 Level 5

TILL DEATH DO US PART

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1988; *62pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2407-X

Series: Double Fastback Spy

Bonnie, engaged to the mysterious Ross, receives a cryptic message on her answering machine. As she deciphers it, she learns Ross is in danger. He must be warned!

296 **Level 4**

TIME'S REACH

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1988; *60 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5338-X

Series: Bestellers

Though this seems to end without resolution as far as all characters are concerned, the story successfully involves the reader in a Hawaiian archaeological dig and the mystery surrounding it.

297 **Level 5**

TOMB OF HORROR

J. Lorimer

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-3777-5

Series: Fastback Horror

An appropriately chilling vampire horror story involving a sealed mine, an old journal, and missing men.

298 **Level 6**

THE TRAP

R. Laymon

Fearon, 1985; *30 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-6544-6

Series: Fastback Spy

A cleverly planned trap for journalist Bill Pierson, to avenge the death of a CIA agent whose "cover" was blown. Suspenseful.

299 **Level 5**

VOICES IN THE NIGHT

T. Napoli

Fearon, 1987; *62 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2368-5

Series: Double Fastback Mystery

An attempted murder of a radio talk show host takes a bizarre twist. The real culprit? Read it and find out!

300 **Level 4**

THE WALKER AFTER DEATH

B. Ellis-Jones

Monarch, 1986; *58 pp; $3.50*

0-4352-7058-3

Series: Heinemann Guided Readers

An English family takes a holiday in an isolated house in the Scottish highlands, but their vacation turns into a nightmare when their teenage children uncover a Viking grave. A horror story in the vein of Stephen King.

301 **Level 3**

WEEKEND VACATION

K. Girard

Fearon, 1987; *58 pp; $3.00*

0-8224-2336-7

Series: Double Fastback Horror

A vampire story. Daughter Ivey spoils the Primave family weekend. She murders three people and "shares" them with her parents.

302 **Level 6**

THE WET GOOD-BYE

G. Brandner

Fearon, 1986; *29 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-1461-9

Series: Fastback Crime and Detection

A young down-and-out private eye can't meet his rent. Just in time, he is asked to follow his landlord's

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daughter and becomes involved in a murder coverup. Told with ironic, self-deprecating humor. Well done.

303 **Level 4**

WIND OVER STONEHENGE

P. Dorre

Fearon, 1977; *59 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5257-1

Series: Bestellers II

British museum archeologists disturb the Stonehenge stones, causing violent weather. Is Druid folklore about the power of the stones correct? Some historical background may be necessary before beginning this.

Science Fiction

☞ **304** **Level 4**

A CHANGED MAN

N. Sundquist

Fearon, 1988; *59 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-5344-4

Series: Bestellers

In an interesting "Back-to-the-Future" type plot which also involves fraud and hypnotism, a 1940's kid ages 42 years, within minutes. A suspenseful tale which reveals some discussible contrasts between the 1940's and the 1980's.

305 **Level 4**

COMET!

D. Bromley

Fearon, 1982; *72 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-1931-9

Series: Doomsday Journals

Everyone scoffs at Professor Wolinski's idea that a comet will collide with Earth, but Dr. Lancaster finds proof of the theory just before the comet devastates the planet.

306 **Level 4**

DATELINE: I.P.S.

K. L. Jones

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-6161-7

Series: Fastback Science Fiction

On his first summer job on the local newspaper, the hero finds a teletype machine which reports stories of 200 years in the future. What do they report? They satirize today's society in this amazing tale with an upbeat ending.

307 **Level 4**

DEAD MOON

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1979; *59 pp; $3.99*

0-8224-3204-8

Series: Galaxy 5

Space traveler Don Chadrow saves his companions Steve and Ellen from a mind-controlling machine on a lifeless moon.

308 **Level 3**

EARTH TWO

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1979; *59 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-6379-2

Series: Space Police

A retired Space Police Commander rejects life in the Retirement Center and finds fulfillment refurbishing an abandoned space station.

309 Level 7+

THE FLAVORIST

E. Weidman

Fearon, 1987; *30 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-6159-5

Series: Fastback Science Fiction

The odor of a neutralizer used to wash hands in Mary's lab job holds a magical attraction for all those who use it.

310 Level 4

GOODBYE TO EARTH

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.99*

0-8224-3201-3

Series: Galaxy 5

Steve Estrada and Ellen Drake complete their rigorous training in Space School and take off on their long journey toward Planet 1, Star 84, Galaxy 5. The first title in a "Star Trek"-like series.

311 Level 4

KING OF THE STARS

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1979; *59 pp; $3.99*

0-8224-3206-4

Series: Galaxy 5

Astronauts Don, Steve, and Ellen help Halgo defeat King Yarro's silver soldiers in an intergalactic battle of good against evil.

312 Level 5

LOST VALLEY

D. Bromley

Fearon, 1981; *75 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-1934-3

Series: Doomsday Journals

A secret scientific expedition discovers a tropical prehistoric valley in Antarctica.

** 313 Level 4

ME, MYSELF AND I

L. Jones

Lngmn, 1975; *75 pp; $4.25*

0-5825-3844-0

Series: Longman Structural Readers Stage 4

A collection of seven short stories, many of them powerful and far-reaching, written at an intermediate level. The print is small.

314 Level 4

ON THE RED WORLD

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.99*

0-8224-3202-1

Series: Galaxy 5

Space travelers Ellen Drake and Steve Estrada help to save a planet from ravaging robots and then continue on their mission, taking their new friend Don Chadrow along.

315 Level 4

OUT OF THIS WORLD

S. Feinstein

Fearon, 1988; *76 pp; $3.90*

0-8224-6708-9

Series: TaleSpinners II

A well done UFO story. "All of this would be pretty funny," says main character Don Dillon "if it were happening to someone else."

316 Level 5

SINKING SHIP

D. Smeds

Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.65*

0-8224-6153-6
Series: Fastback Science Fiction
A spaceship lies deep in space crippled by enemy attack, its crew facing death or life in prison. Salvation depends not so much on technology, but on cooperation and the offer of a helping hand to the enemy.

317 **Level 6**
THE SPOTTER
D. Hiller
Fearon, 1987; *27 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6156-0
Series: Fastback Science Fiction
Charlie Dawson, UFO spotter, spends his life in pursuit of the extraterrestrial while his wife and neighbors question his sanity. Then he takes his wife along . . . The fate of the world is at stake.

318 **Level 4**
STAR GOLD
L. P. Kelley
Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5369-X
Series: Bestellers III
Two humans, an alien, and a "half-breed" are helped to escape from the prison planet, Earth, by an interstellar entrepreneur who wants his daughter rescued from Alban kidnappers. Plenty of laser beam combat here.

☞ **319** **Level 4**
TALES OF TEN WORLDS
A. C. Clarke
Monarch, 1988; *55 pp; $3.50*
0-4352-7112-1
Series: Heinemann Guided Readers
Ten good science fiction short stories that all have a twist: the astronaut in the haunted space suit; an astronaut marooned on an asteroid; another poisons a planet with garbage. Retold by H. Reid-Thomas.

320 **Level 3**
THE TIME TRAP
L. P. Kelley
Fearon, 1977; *59 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5253-4
Series: Bestellers I
Two young time travelers on a photographic assignment into the past of Plant X-12 combat treachery and find love among the killer insects and singing flowers.

☞ **321** **Level 3**
TOMORROW'S CHILD
J. Suter
Fearon, 1988; *58 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-5341-X
Series: Bestellers
In a future where behavior and memory are drug controlled, the weather is regulated, and citizens wear badges rating their intelligence and athletic ability, Josh and Kate are the perfect prototypes to breed the perfect specimen: Tomorrow's Child. The use of drugs for mind control by an unbridled totalitarian government makes this discussible and fairly controversial.

322 **Level 3**

VACATION IN SPACE

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.99*
0-8224-3202-X
Series: Galaxy 5

While recovering from space fever on the "vacation planet," Steve Estrada nearly succumbs to the wiles of the beautiful Sybil, an inter-galactic slave trader.

323 **Level 5**

VITAL FORCE

S. A. Shankland

Fearon, 1987; *29 pp; $1.65*
0-8224-6160-9
Series: Fastback Science Fiction

In this absorbing tale, Ellen, a human, develops a special friendship with the robot, Homer, during their space flight to Bry's Star.

324 **Level 4**

WHERE NO SUN SHINES

L. P. Kelley

Fearon, 1979; *60 pp; $3.99*
0-8224-3205-6
Series: Galaxy 5

Lured by a call for help, the crew of the Voyager is captured and sold as pets to giant beings who live underground.

Classics and Folklore

325 **Level 4**

ZB4

A. Jackson

Fearon, 1979; *68 pp; $3.90*
0-8224-6433-0
Series: Specter

A chilling and suspenseful science fiction tale about a spy who changes bodies for each new case. A well-developed story and one of the best recommended in this section.

326 **Level 5**

AMERICAN FOLKLORE AND LEGENDS

J. J. Marcatante

Globe, 1980; *306 pp; $7.95*
0-8706-5104-8

A dense collection of tall tales, stories of American heroes, and a few regional anecdotes. "Words we need to know" are defined before each selection. Forty pages of exercises are well placed at the end of the book. Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyan, Davy Crockett and Pecos Bill are a few of those mentioned. A useful tool in relaying American culture to interested new Americans or those not previously exposed to it. Teacher manual $1.55.

☞ **327** **Level 3**

ASHMA'S ROCK

FrJones, 1984; *11 pp; $1.00*

In a charming though choppy rendering of a Chinese folktale, the creation of echoes is explained and the beautiful Ashma is pursued by the rich, vindictive Rubalor.

☞ 328 **Level 4**

THE BEAUTIFUL AND DAMNED

F. S. Fitzgerald

Monarch, 1989; *74 pp; $3.50*
0-4352-7117-2
Series: Heinemann Guided Readers

A bare bones version of a classic 1920's novel. A moral with an "O. Henry-like" twist makes it suitable for discussion. A helpful glossary appears at the end. Interesting simple drawings break up the dense, small print. Retold by M. Tarner.

329 **Level 5**

THE BODY SNATCHER

R. L. Stevenson

Jmstn, 1982; *37 pp; $3.00*
0-8906-1256-0
Series: A Jamestown Classic

Two medical students commit murder in order to keep their "laboratory" stocked. The murderers meet after many years and reminisce. Classic short story, well adapted by R. Harris.

☞ 330 **Level 4**

BRIDGE ACROSS THE AMERICAS - FAVORITE HISPANIC STORIES

P. Cameron

Dormac, 1990; *80 pp; $5.95*
0-8657-5671-6

Written primarily but not exclusively for those who have ties to Latin America, these traditional stories were gathered and "written down" to help Hispanic ESL students bring what they already know to the text and make intelligent vocabulary guesses. The 13 stories, short and graduated in difficulty, are introduced with orientation exercises. Comprehension questions follow each, with an answer key included. Effective black and white "wood-cut" illustrations are an integral part of some exercises. The dense text and classroom orientation are unfortunate features of an otherwise useful text which fills a gap in this collection.

☞ 331 **Level 4**

THE CANTERBURY TALES

G. Chaucer

Lngmn, 1987; *74 pp; $4.50*
0-5825-4150-6
Series: Longman Classics

Chaucer is translated out of Middle English giving a chance for new readers to experience, at very least, his message. The proper names are often difficult and background information is scanty, but with the clear type and attractive color pictures, this still adds up to a good choice for students hoping to expand their cultural literacy. Simplified by M. West.

332 **Level 3**

CASES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

A. C. Doyle

Phoenix, 1974; *118 pp; $7.29*
0-0703-3734-9
Series: Phoenix Everyreaders

"The Adventure of the Speckled Band," "The Red-Headed League," "The Adventure of the Six Napoleans," and "The Adventure of the Empty House" rewritten at an attractively low level but without loss of the flavor of the original stories. Also included is an interesting chapter about Doyle and the writing of the Holmes stories. Adapted by W. Kottmeyer.

333 **Level 5**

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

A. Dumas

Lngmn, 1931; *150 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3338-4
Series: New Method Supplementary Readers

Edmond Dantes, an innocent French seaman, is sent to a fortress prison as an "enemy of the king." He makes contact with the elderly Italian, Faria, the "poor mad prisoner of Chateau d'If," actually a brilliant creative epileptic. Together they dig tunnels and plan to escape, and seek a treasure hidden on the island of Monte Cristo. Easy reading but comparatively long and difficult looking. Simplified by M. West.

334 **Level 5**

DANGEROUS GAME

W. Harris

Lngmn, 1977; *60 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3681-2
Series: Longman Structural Readers

Author's experiences with a ghost, once friendly, turn ugly when he admits to murdering his wife. He is found dead by his weekly chess partner, Louis, on the twelfth anniversary of his wife's death. Louis then writes the postscript to the story for his dead friend. Edited by L. G. Alexander

335 **Level 2**

DAVID COPPERFIELD

C. Dickens

Lngmn, 1967; *99 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3734-7
Series: Longman Structural Readers

This simplified classic briefly covers various episodes in David Copperfield's life emphasizing the class distinctions in English society during Dickens' time. In this version the reader is told who is evil or good; who is happy or sad. Several line drawings. Length, small print, and layout make this appear much harder. Abridged by N. Grimshaw

☞ **336** **Level 5**

THE DEERSLAYER

J. F. Cooper

Fearon, 1987; *72 pp; $4.20*
0-8224-9285-7
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A simpler version of James Fenimore Cooper's original classic about American frontier life in upstate New York, about 1740. Discussion is possible concerning the Indians' free life and concern for nature vs. the many hardships the settlers endured in their quest to civilize the frontier. Settlers seem less aware of the value of protecting the wilderness.

337 **Level 4**

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

R. L. Stevenson
Fearon, 1985; *90 pp; $4.25*
0-8224-9255-5
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A classic story of good and evil within the same person, is retold in large, legible type. A few black and white drawings. Abridged and adapted by T. E. Bethancourt.

338 **Level 4**

FRANKENSTEIN

M. Shelley
Fearon, 1986; *74 pp; $4.25*
0-8224-9257-1
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A legible, large print write-down of the original piece where "Frankenstein" is the name of the scientist, not the monster. A few black and white drawings move the story along. Raises larger questions of right and wrong. Both main characters are treated with sympathy. Abridged by T. E. Bethancourt

339 **Level 6**

THE GOOD EARTH

P. S. Buck
OxUPr, 1980; *115 pp; $3.95*
0-1958-1035-X
Series: Oxford Progressive English Readers

A readable, attractive retelling of Pearl Buck's classic story. (The cover notation: "Oxford Progressive Readers Grade 3" is unfortunate because this is not the level of the book and definitely does not refer to a school grade level.) An appropriate challenge for a more advanced adult new reader, though some assistance may be needed with a few proper names. D. H. Rowe is the general editor of the series.

340 **Level 4**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

C. Dickens
Fearon, 1987; *73 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9260-1
Series: Pacemaker Classics

An over-simplification of Dickens' work. Though not "great literature," it is interesting enough for new readers to enjoy. We include this because we have found that many adult new readers especially relish reading famous stories that "everyone else" knows about. Abridged and adapted by T. E. Bethancourt.

341 **Level 4**

THE GREEK HEROES

Lngmn, 1981; *75 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-2677-9
Series: New Method Supplementary Readers

Cultural literacy could be part of the objective for reading this collection of six lively, detailed ancient Greek myths covering Perseus and the head of Medusa, the Golden Fleece, Orpheus, and Ulysses and the one-eyed Cyclops. A pronunciation guide to Greek names, and fewer names, would both have been helpful.

342 **Level 6**

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

V. Hugo

Lngmn, 1963; *122 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3494-1
Series: New Method Supplementary Readers

The chilling and romantic story of the ugly hunchback and the beautiful gypsy girl. Although much reduced in length, this is a good retelling of the original. Questions at the end can be ignored. Simplified by M. Davis and M. West.

343 **Level 3**

JANE EYRE

C. Bronte

Fearon, 1987; *92 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9286-5
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A good adaptation of the Bronte classic which doesn't suffer much from its "write-down." Abridged by S. E. Paces.

☞ **344** **Level 4**

KIDNAPPED

R. L Stevenson

Phoenix, 1988; *122 pp; $7.29*
0-7915-1371-8
Series: Phoenix Everyreaders

Under the direction of his mean and money-hungry uncle, a young boy is kidnapped and turned over to a sea captain. This interesting write-down draws the reader into the story. (The second half will require tutor help and some historical background.) Adapted by W. Kottmeyer.

345 **Level 4**

THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

J. F. Cooper

Fearon, 1967; *90 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9215-6
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A bloody story about Scout Hawkeye and his Mohican friends who attempt to guide and save the British, particularly the two beautiful Munro sisters. Exciting even in this shortened form. A few drawings. Abridged and adapted by J. M. Hurdy.

346 **Level 3**

LEGENDS FOR EVERYONE

A. Elwood

Globe, 3rd ed 1985; *234 pp; $7.95*
0-8706-5910-3

Twenty-four brief, classical American legends, grouped by region. While the illustrations could be more adult, contents could be of real interest to new Americans; e.g., Calamity Jane, Bigfoot, Rip Van Winkle and the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Very large and readable type. Exercises appear after each story. New places, names, and words are defined before each. Teacher's manual $1.55.

☞ **347** **Level 6**

THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY

E. E. Hale

P-H, 1982; *68 pp; $3.25*

0-1357-5457-7
Series: Regents Readers
The classic story of Philip Nolan, deprived for 50 years of his U.S. citizenship, social interaction, and news of the outside world. Endless discussions could result from this clearly written tale, with exercises. Adapted by M.A. Kearny.

☞ 348 **Level 6**

MOBY DICK

H. Melville
Rntree, 1982; *47 pp; $9.27*
0-8172-2016-X
In a challenging version with powerful, beautiful llustrations, this preserves the flavor of the original language. (An introductory section would have been helpful. A tutor might supply some author information and historical information before beginning.) Adapted by P. Daniels.

349 **Level 6**

THE ODYSSEY

Homer
Globe, 1978; *296 pp; $6.85*
0-8706-5047-5
Series: Adapted Classics
This retelling of the classic adventure preserves the narrative, marvels, and characterization while eliminating long descriptions, complications, and elements which would slow the story. Includes a pronunciation guide for people and places, and background information on the Trojan War and the Odyssey. For the more accomplished new reader; could be used in parts or in its entirety. Adaptated by H. I. Christ.

350 **Level 6**

THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM

E. A. Poe
Jamestown, 1982; *31 pp; $3.00*
0-8906-1265-X
Series: Jamestown Classics
The narrator, sentenced to death during the Spanish Inquisition, is saved just in time by the arrival of the French army. A classic short story, which is well adapted by Raymond Harris. Discussion questions and review of key concepts at the end.

351 **Level 4**

THE PRISONER OF ZENDA

A. Hope
Lngmn, 1965; *122 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3746-0
Series: Longman Structural Readers
One of the great romantic stories. Controlled structure and vocabulary, some black and white illustrations, small print. For the advanced new reader, because of length and size of type. Abridged and simplified by A. J. Brayley.

352 **Level 3**

ROBINSON CRUSOE

D. Defoe
Fearon, 1967; *76 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9225-3
Series: Pacemaker Classic
Robinson Crusoe, victim of a 1659 shipwreck, is washed ashore on a

remote island, wet and hungry and alone. Using food, gunpowder and tools from the wrecked ship, Crusoe embarks on a 24-year-long solitary life. Maintains simple language. Abridged by R. Lasson.

353 Level 3

THE STONE MOTHER AND CHILD

J. B. Heaton

Lngmn, 1985; *32 pp; $3.95*
0-5827-9879-5
Series: Longman American Structural Readers

A fable explaining the "Looking for Husband Hills" near Hong Kong. A Chinese woman waits every day with her child on her back, for her husband to return from the sea. Lightening strikes her and the child, turning them to stone. They wait there still. Bright colorful illustrations in an appealing format.

☞ 354 Level 5

TALES FROM SHAKESPEARE

B. Barkman

P-H, 1986; *82 pp; $3.50*
0-8834-5581-1
Series: Regents Readers

Though the print is small and dense and vocabulary exercises target foreign speakers, this collection of "write-downs," (HAMLET, MACBETH,MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, THE TEMPEST) still reads well. New phrases and words are continuously defined; each section ends with plot review and vocabulary questions and points for discussion. Photos from notable performances add another dimension to this well-planned confidence builder. An answer key provides immediate feedback.

See also:
SHAKESPEARE FOR EVERYONE
Item #738 in For the Tutor section.

☞ 355 Level 4

TALES FROM THE EAST

M. West et al, adaptors

Lngmn, 1977; *44 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3533-6
Series: New Method Structural Readers

A collection of Malayan folktales simplified from versions written in English by students at the Malayan College, Liverpool, England. They illustrate rewards for kindness, punishment for selfishness, and cleverness in outwitting enemies. Students may stumble over some unusual proper names.

☞ 356 Level 5

TALL TALES

A. R. Souby

StkVgn, 1990; *80 pp; $9.94*
0-8114-4156-3

A nicely retold set of eight tales pulled from other collections and produced in a very acceptable format with colorful illustrations. Cultural literacy is certainly expanded by an exposure to Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan, and the lore of Ireland, Russia and Burma. Library binding is available.

357 **Level 4**

THREE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

A. C. Doyle

Lngmn, 1976; *59 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3470-4
Series: New Method Supplementary Readers

THE SPECKLED BAND, THE FIVE ORANGE PIPS, and THE CROWN OF DIAMONDS in readable and faithful renditions. Simplified by F. Johnson.

358 **Level 4**

THE THREE MUSKETEERS

A. Dumas

Fearon, 1987; *73 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9261-X
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A classic adaptation. Abridged by T. E. Bethancourt.

359 **Level 5**

THE TIME MACHINE

H. G. Wells

Fearon, 1986; *74 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9256-3
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A classic writedown of H. G. Wells. Exciting and fun for anyone to read. Abridged by T. E. Bethancourt.

360 **Level 5**

TOM SAWYER

M. Twain

Fearon, 1986; *76 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9258-X
Series: Pacemaker Classics

A fairly good rewrite, done in large print and a few black and white drawings. Abridged and adapted by L. Ungaretti.

361 **Level 3**

TREASURE ISLAND

R. L. Stevenson

Fearon, 1973; *92 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9230-X
Series:A Pacemaker Clasic

Many of the essential elements are here: Long John Silver aboard the Hispaniola, the treasure map, Captain Billy Bones, the parrot who cries, "Pieces of eight", even the song "Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum." An endearing if choppy rendition. (This kind of work serves a necessary cultural function in allowing new readers a familiarity with characters that are common to our literary background.) Abridged and adapted by J. Gray

362 **Level 3**

TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST

R. H. Dana

Fearon, 1967; *92 pp; $4.35*
0-8224-9235-X
Series:A Pacemaker Classic

Lower reading level, larger print, well adapted. Deals with author Richard Henry Dana's two years at sea, 1834-6. Sailing from Boston to California around Cape Horn, Dana explores the California coastal trade and life on the West Coast in pre-gold rush times. An exciting adventure portraying the heartbreak and hard work at sea. Abridged and adapted by J. M.

Hurdy.

363 **Level 7**

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

E. Bronte

Lngmn, 1944; *142 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-2318-4
Series: Longman Simplified English

The story of Catherine and Heathcliff is as wild and wonderful in this abridgement as it is in the original novel. For the advanced new reader. Adapted by E. Attwood.

Literature in Various Forms

(Poetry, Plays, Short Stories)

364 **Level 5**

AIMING HIGH: STIRRING TALES AND POEMS

A. Capaccio, A. Sloan

Amsco, 1983; *184 pp; $7.40*
0-8772-0675-9

Thirty-four standard short stories intermingled with some lesser known titles. Many have been adapted. Each story is followed by a few exercises - focusing on the main idea, clarifying the facts, reviewing vocabulary. There's an answer key, $1.20. This could be used for pure enjoyment, disregarding the exercises.

365 **Level 4**

BOY, THAT'S THE TRUTH

R. Tichy

P: L, 1986; *13 pp; $1.50*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

A short pamphlet filled with amusing aphorisms that are illustrated in comic fashion.

☞ **366** **Level 5**

COUPLETS EACH RHYTHMS TEACH

A. S. Yager

Tucson, 1976; *14 pp; $1.25*

A more readable, less crowded layout than RHYMES TO READ, #139, from the same group, this is designed to be read by the student with his teacher "for the fun of the rhythm of English" as well as the ideas expressed. Though this is a plain and unsophisticated looking booklet, it adds variety to the collection.

367 **Level 5**

EXPERIENCING POETRY

E. Thompson

Globe, 1987; *152 pp; $6.65*
0-8706-5224-9

A collection of uncomplicated poems varying in length (2-3 lines to a whole page), representing notable poets from many ages. Among them are Sandburg, Keats, Frost, Plath, Sarton, Poe. Each poem is introduced by a question relating to it and is followed a by a few questions to help the reader think about the meaning. An interesting but unnecessary writing assignment/suggestion follows. Teacher's manual, $1.95.

368 **Level 6**

HIGH MARKS, STORIES THAT MAKE GOOD READING

A. Capaccio, A. Sloan

Amsco, 1981; *184 pp; $7.80*
0-8772-0393-8

A selection of 22 short stories by major authors including Saki, Poe, Tolstoy, O. Henry, Dreiser, Chekhov, Hawthorne. Some have been adapted. Each is followed by a few comprehension exercises which may or may not require a tutor's help. A relatively high reading level in some selections are balanced by other very short (2-3 page) sections. Good discussible material. Key, $1.80.

☞ **369** **Level 5**

FAVORITE FABLES IN OUR LIVES

J. L. Paris

Dormac, 1989; *98 pp; $5.95*
0-8657-5646-5

Sixty fables arranged so that one classic Aesop fable is followed by a correlating contemporary tale, both dealing with the same moral. By providing a short readable passage, something to discuss, an exposure to a different genre, and another slice of our literary heritage, this slim volume could fulfill several needs at once. Some of the modern fables are young adult oriented.

370 **Level 3**

THE GOLD BUG, AND OTHER STORIES

E. A. Poe

Phoenix, 1975; *119 pp; $7.29*
0-7915-0366-6
Series: Phoenix Everyreaders

Three Poe stories (including "Murders in the Rue Morgue" and "The Stolen Letter") followed by an interesting chapter on decoding secret messages. Adapted by W. L. Kottmeyer.

371 **Level 4**

INSPECTOR THACKERY CALLS

K. James, L. Mullen

Longman, 1974; *70 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3745-2
Series: Longman Structural Readers

Five short mystery plays in which criminals make mistakes that Inspector Thackeray catches. A page of the detective's notes sums up each case, and the reader is given the opportunity to guess the solution before it is given. Easier to read than most plays and good practice in reading for detail.

372 **Level 4**

INSPECTOR THACKERY INVESTIGATES

K. James, L. Mullen

Longman, 1974; *99 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3774-6
Series: Longman Structural Readers

Four more plays such as those in the volume described above.

373 **Level 5**

LOVE IS A GIMMICK AND OTHER SHORT STORIES

P. Gallico

Longman, 1982; *44 pp; $4.25*

0-5825-2655-8

Series: Longman Structural Readers

Four fun and interesting short stories, each with an unsuspected twist at the end. A few British expressions may cause some difficulty. Highly recommended for the intermediate new reader. Includes a few exercises in comprehension and structure.

374 **Level 3**

MORE THAN JUST WORDS

P. Harris-Nadon

LLC, 1986; *50 pp; $3.00*

0-9692-5830-5

A successful, low level collection of brief pieces which could enrich a lesson and build confidence. The variety of formats relieves monotony and exposes the student (perhaps for the first time) to a variety of literature forms: poetry, genealogy, mystery, a radio play, and a few short factual articles on history. Produced by the Quebec City Reading Council.

375 **Level 5**

OPEN-ENDED PLAYS

M. Velder

Globe, 1976; *151 pp; $6.73*

0-8706-5277-X

Twenty plays without endings; all deal with interpersonal relationships. These aim to encourage students to read, make decisions, and determine the outcome of their own stories. "Closing up the open ends" provides good format for a new reader book discussion group. Many of the main characters are very young so every play may not appeal to every mature adult. Teacher's manual, $1.55.

376 **Level 5**

STORIES OF SURPRISE AND WONDER

R. R. Potter

Globe, 1979; *182 pp; $6.44*

0-8706-5280-X

Short supernatural and suspense stories where the unexpected happens. Adapted from such authors as Chekhov, O. Henry, and J. K. Jerrome, the stories retain the flavor of the originals. Each story is preceded by definitions of some of the words which might prove troublesome. Excellent exercises follow and aid in understanding and critical thinking. Teachers guide, $1.55.

Non-Fiction

Biography

377 **Level 5**

BILL COSBY

W. Green, C. Sanford

Crestwd, 1986; *32 pp; $9.95*

0-8968-6297-6

Series: Center Stage

Although written for children, this slim hardback presents a good picture of Bill Cosby, the man, and shows his rise to success. Many photos add interest.

378 **Level 4**

THE BOY WHO LIVED

C. Osborn

P: L, 1985; *28 pp; $1.50*

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

Three teenage boys go joy riding. The car hits a tree and only one lives. State's evidence says he was the driver and was responsible. Told by the survivor's mother. Interesting simple language. Stiff cover.

☞ **379** **Level 7**

CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE — BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS

A. Gause-Jackson

Stk-Vn, 1989; *92 pp.; $5.80*

0-8114-1323-3

Series: Champions of Change

A magazine-sized collection of ten, four-page biographies of twentieth century black achievers. After each section are three pages of questions, many focusing on the boldfaced words which appear in the text. Each deals with childhood, adolescence, and adult achievements. Several quotes about each famous person, from people who know them, round out the text. Those included are: Coretta King, Bill Cosby, Jesse Owens, Tom Bradley, Martin Luther King, Wilma Rudolph, Herbie Hancock, Jackie Robinson, Maya Angelou, Ray Charles. There is a useful glossary.

☞ **380** **Level 6**

CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE — BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS HISPANIC AMERICANS

A. Gause-Jackson

Stk-Vn, 1989; *92 pp.; $5.80*

0-8114-1324-1

Series: Champions of Change

The same format as #379, this includes the biographies of Judy Baca, Roberto Clemente, Rodolfo Gonzalez, Rita Moreno, Franklin Chang-Diaz, Jim Plunkett, Hector P. Garcia, Tracie Ruiz, Jesse Trevino, and Jose Feliciano.

381 **Level 6**

DAVE WINFIELD

J. Monroe

Crestwd, 1988; *48 pp; $10.95*

0-8968-6370-0

Series: SCU-2

A clear text gives details and quotes and includes many baseball statistics. Stunning photos will grab any sports fan. Hardback.

382 Level 5

EACH ONE TEACH ONE: A STORY ABOUT FRANK LAUBACH

J. Spearing

P: L, 1984; *51 pp; $1.00*

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

As Laubach arrives in the Philippines to serve as a Christian missionary to the Moro people, he makes contact by focussing on unique aspects of this Moslem culture. Eventually he translates their spoken language (Maranaw) onto paper and, in this fashion, teaches the Moros to read. Based on this method, Laubach brings to the world a successful new method of teaching reading.

383 Level 6

ELEVENTH CHILD

L. Tunstead

EastEnd, 1982, 1986; *32 pp; $2.00*

0-9200-1302-3

A moving true story with old-time pictures. Marrying early to escape an alcoholic father, Louise Tunstead starts a group home for children who are in the same situation. She becomes foster parent to over 80 children.

384 Level 4

GANDHI

L. Jones

Lngmn, 1985; *32 pp; $3.95*

0-5827-9887-6

Series: Longman American Structural Readers

A basic story of the life of Gandhi. Large realistic color pictures in a glossy paperback format. His philosophy of non-violent resistance is briefly discussed; i.e., "Don't fight. Break the law quietly."

385 Level 4

I CAN JUMP PUDDLES

A. Marshall

Lngmn, 1980; *92 pp; 4.25*

0-5825-3672-3

Series: Longman Structural Readers

An inspiring story about growing up in the Australian bush country, told by a writer, who, at the age of five, caught polio and could thereafter walk only with the aid of crutches. The book is long, but the reading level is low. Words with a special meaning in Australia are defined at the back of the book. Adapted by Anna Kohler.

386 Level 6

I HAVE A DREAM

M. Davidson

Schol, 1986; *127 pp; $2.50*

0-5903-3312-7

Series: Lucky Star

Readable biography that deals with Dr. King's life chronologically. Major events are personalized, e.g., the old lady who participated in the Montgomery bus boycott, his wife's actions when their house is bombed, his 1964 flight to Oslo to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Told in an enthusiastic tone.

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Many photographs complement the text. Although the cover indicates the reading level is low 3rd grade, we believe our 6th grade designation to be more realistic.

387 **Level 5**

I'VE COME A LONG WAY

M. Godbout
EastEnd, 1984; *25 pp; $2.00*
0-9200-1301-5

This literacy student/author tells her life story as a cerebral palsy victim. Deals with her social life, her hobbies, and her enthusiasm about learning to write rather than print. There is inspiration here!

388 **Level 3**

LEADING THE WAY — STORIES ABOUT BLACK AMERICANS

S. McAlpine, M. Falstein
Contin, 1988; *48 pp.; $2.15*
0-8454-2388-6

A useful compilation of simple one-page biographies of twenty-two Black Americans, both living and dead. Each is followed by one page of basic multiple choice comprehension questions. This information at this reading level is a rare find.

389 **Level 6**

LONELY CHILD

L. Beaupre
EastEnd, 1983; *23 pp; $2.00*
0-9200-1300-7

In a very poetic style, a teenage mother and literacy student relates her single parent experiences in a moving manner. Quick, discussable reading.

390 **Level 6**

LYNETTE WOODWARD

M. Newman
Crestwd, 1986; *48 pp; $10.95*
0-8968-6316-6
Series: SCU 2

Traces the life and career of the woman who made sports history by becoming the first woman to play basketball for the Harlem Globetrotters. Extensive photography throughout. Hardback.

391 **Level 5**

MARY ELLEN AND IDA: PORTRAITS OF TWO WOMEN

S. Beal
Sc,For, 1982; *63 pp; $3.45*
0-6732-4137-8
Series: Adult Readers Library

The stories of the author's two very different grandmothers, one a Southern gentlewoman and the other a doctor in the North. Told with love and compassion, this is a fascinating slice of family history which can stimulate thinking and discussion about the reader's own family. Chapters alternate between the life of Mary Ellen and the life of Ida. This might prove a bit confusing for the unpracticed reader, but it does emphasize the disparities of the women's lives.

392 **Level 5**

MEETING THE CHALLENGE, BIOGRAPHIES OF BLACK AMERICANS

M. Falstein

Contin, 1987; *64 pp; $5.95*

0-8454-2363-0

A collection of 31 quick one-page biographical sketches of notable American blacks, both historical and contemporary. Exercises are easy and not overly long. Hopefully, the selections will encourage further reading about these figures or others suggested in the list on the last page. This is inspirational.

393 **Level 6**

MEMORIES OF EAST UTICA, PARTS 1, 2

E. P. Nassar

Cambr, 1983; *28 pp ea; $2.50 ea*

0-8248-9602-3

Series: Adult Literacy

A collection of reminiscences dealing with growing up in a Lebanese commmunity in East Utica, New York. Recurring friends and relatives "tie everything together." The occasional street language adds a thread of realism to this appealing story. Part 1, which deals with youth and Part 2, 0-8248-9603-1, with adulthood, really should be bound together as one volume.

394 **Level 4**

MOTHER TERESA, FRIEND OF THE FRIENDLESS

C. Greene

Child, 1983; *32 pp; $10.95*

0-5160-3559-2

Adults can appreciate this children's book; even a simple retelling of how Mother Teresa started her career can be moving. Large print, many photographs.

395 **Level 4**

MY GRANDMOTHER

P. Maslanka

P: L, 1986; *16 pp; $1.50*

A moving account of "grandmother's" life, told by a literacy student at the time of her grandmother's death. Includes many hardships and illnesses as well as good times. Told in a natural, yet admiring tone. This is a quick one.

396 **Level 4**

THE PEOPLE WHO NEVER GAVE UP

J. Spearing

P: L, 1981, 1983; *20 pp; $1.50*

Series: P: LEARN Writers Group

An inspirational true story about Leighton Starr, a math teacher who loses his sight, and loses his job, but perseveres. It is about his supportive wife, Vivian, as well. Short, low level. Amateur drawings can be overlooked because of content. Contains a "new words" list at the end.

397 **Level 4**

PROFILES: A COLLECTION OF SHORT BIOGRAPHIES

L. T. Burrell, Z. Clements

Globe, 1975; *231 pp; $6.67*

0-8706-5917-0

Twenty-four interesting and well-written biographies of men and women of different races, backgrounds, and professions who have contributed to American life. This was written for children, and many of the instructions are condescending to adults, but the exercises can be skipped. Teachers manual is $1.50.

☞ **398** **Level 6**

READING SUCCESS

Turmn, 1987; *76 pp.; $2.95 ea*

0-8987-2213-6

Ten small paperback biographies of highly visible popular culture heroes laid out in an appealing way, with short readable chapters. All focus on their successful mindsets and personal formulas for success. Though entertainers and sports heroes can quickly go out of favor and their biographies "date" a collection, these are included because of their high interest value and photo rich format. The glossaries after each chapter define words that are ridiculous to include, the teacher's guide and reproducible student workbook are overkill for an adult learner. Both are best ignored. Those reviewed are: BON JOVI; COSBY, 0-8987-2200-4; CRUISE, 0-8987-2207-1; JORDAN, 0-8987-2208-X; MADONNA, 0-98987-2200-4; TYSON, 0-8987-2214-4.

☞ **399** **Level 7**

SELECTED FROM ONE MORE TIME

C. Burnett

LVNYC, 1986; *54 pp.; $2.95*

0-9296-31003-X

Series: Writers' Voices

A highly personal look backwards for Carol Burnett, this was originally written as a letter to her three daughters. She describes her own tough childhood, her poor living conditions, and her up-and-down relationship with an alcoholic father. The antics she used to amuse herself seem very real and altogether inspiring.

☞ **400** **Level 6**

SELECTED FROM I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS and THE HEART OF A WOMAN

M. Angelou

LVNYC, 1989; *54 pp.; $2.95*

0-9296-3104-8

Series: Writers' Voices

Two selections from two Maya Angelou books and the various background pages cover much territory in just a few pages. All deal with details of the black experience in America in the 1940's and 50's. The excitement of the Joe Louis fight and the first push towards desegregation of public facilities are highlighted. Powerful, discussible stories.

401 **Level 6**

SCU-2 (Sports Closeups)

C. Gloeckner, J. M. Leder

Crestwd, 1985; *48 pp ea; $10.95 ea*

0-8968-6256-9

A readable series of sports biographies on a fifth through seventh grade level. Effective photographs are in both color and black and white. Recommended with some reservations; format is a little childish, but topic has great appeal to adults. For a possible book discussion: overcoming a poor background, achieving success in a new country. Those examined were Fernando Valenzuela; Marcus Allen, 0-8968-6251-8; and Wayne Gretzky, 0-8968-6255-0.

402 **Level 5-6**

SPORTS LEGENDS (Selected titles)

J. and L. Hahn

Crestwd, 1981; *48 pp ea; $8.95 ea*

0-8968-6125-5

Series: Sports Legends

A series of thirteen competently written sports biographies illustrated with black and white photographs. Most of the subjects have passed the peaks of their careers and become "legends," so the titles are less likely to go out of date than books about rising stars. Librarians will want to choose titles according to the interests of their patrons. Available in paperback ($3.95) and hardback, these are recommended: Babe!, 0-8968-6125-5); Brown!, 0-8968-6143-0; Henry!, 0-8968-6120-1; Thorpe!, 0-8968-6138-4; and Zaharias!, 0-8968-6137-6.

☞ **403** **Level 5**

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS STARS

R.C. Hill

Stk-Vn, 1989; *60 pp.; $4.40*

0-8114-1549-X

Series: Spotlight

Brief biographies of eight sports figures: Roger Clemens, Magic Johnson, Nancy Lopez, John Elway, Debi Thomas, Julie Krone, Mike Tyson, Steffi Graf. See series comments.

☞ **404** **Level 5**

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS STARS II

R.C. Hill

Stk-Vn, 1990; *60 pp.; $4.40*

0-8114-1544-9

With an emphasis on dedication and a winning attitude, these short, large-print biographies of eight athletes of current interest will grab not only young people, but sports fans of all ages. Exercises focus on vocabulary and comprehension. Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Wayne Gretzky are among those included.

☞ **405** **Level 5**

SPOTLIGHT ON MOVIE STARS

R. C. Hill

Stk-Vn, 1989; *60 pp.; $4.40*

0-8114-1548-1

Series: Spotlight

Like a movie magazine, the excellent photographs grab the readers' attention. Covers Michael J. Fox, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Whoopi Goldberg, Eddie Murphy, Emilio Estevez, Oprah Winfrey, Tom Cruise, Ally Sheedy. See series comments.

☞ 406 **Level 5**

SPOTLIGHT ON ROCK STARS

R. C. Hill

Stk-Vn, 1989; *60 pp.; $4.40*
0-8114-1547-3
Series: Spotlight

Brief accounts of John Cougar Mellencamp, Bruce Springsteen, Janet Jackson, The Bangles, Los Lobos, Madonna, and Bon Jovi. Written with affection and enthusiasm, rock fans will never realize they are learning. See series comments.

407 **Level 4-6**

SUPERSTARS

R. C. Hill

Stk-Vn, 1986; *92 pp ea; $6.00 ea*

Short, 4-5 page biographies of music and sports stars. They are brief but meaningful. Exercises after each section could be easily ignored. Numerous, current, black and white photographs. This kind of information is of great interest to young adults. One caution: superstars are transient and these materials can become quickly dated. Titles in the series, all 2nd ed, include: SUPERSTARS OF MOVIES AND TV; SUPERSTARS MUSIC HALL OF FAME; SUPERSTARS OF ROCK: SUPERSTARS OF SOUL; SUPERSTARS OF SPORTS; SUPERSTARS OF COUNTRY.

408 **Level 4**

TALES OF EXPLORERS

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1973; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9182-3
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

Stories of Kon-Tiki's voyage from Peru to Polynesia, the first men to reach the North Pole, and the first to climb Mt. Everest.

409 **Level 3**

TALES OF FLYING

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1970; *32 pp; $3,00*
0-8224-9185-0
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

Stories of the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, and Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia. Good reading at a low level.

410 **Level 4**

TALES OF INVENTION

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1973; *32 pp; $3,00*
0-8224-9186-9
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

The lives of three inventors — Marconi, Goodyear, and John Baird (television) — who triumphed over poverty, ridicule, and repeated failure.

411 Level 3

TALES OF PIRATES

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1971; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9189-3
Series: Pacemakers True Adventures

Episodes in the lives of Si Rahman, Blackbeard, and Madame Ching. Entertaining reading for the adult beginning reader.

412 Level 4

TALES OF SPEED

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1973; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9194-X
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

In these readable narratives, Stirling Moss wins the British Grand Prix, Donald Campbell is killed breaking the water speed record, and Richard Petty tops $1,000,000 in winnings to set a record in stock car driving.

413 Level 3

TALES OF SPIES

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1972; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9195-8
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

Three true tales of spies, including Mata Hari. Intriguing reading at a very low level.

414 Level 5

THEY OVERCAME THEIR HANDICAPS: SEVEN STORIES

P: L, rev. 1983; *52 pp; $2.00*

Seven stories about handicapped people who aren't famous, have overcome their handicaps, and "don't give up." Written in short 4-10 page formats. Character sketches of a blind photographer, a young man with a spinal injury, and a woman with a learning disability who finishes college are among the selections. Includes an index of new words and a few very simple drawings, which can be overlooked because of the content.

415 Level 5

THREE GREAT RUNNING BACKS

M. August, R. Tichy

P: L, 1984; *44 pp; $2.00*
Series: P: LEARN Writers Group

Three brief biographies of Jim Brown, Floyd Little, and O.J. Simpson, as well as a discussion of the running back position. Contains a brief explanation of the field and positions, a list of records and a "football highlights timeline." While the format is not slick, the idea is original. This could be very appealing to many adult sports fans, sparking their interest in reading further.

416 Level 6

WORLD BIOGRAPHIES

H. I. Christ

Globe, 1987; *296 pp; $6.30*

0-8706-5039-4

Eighteen short (6 pg) biographies for the intermediate reader. Other than "people who have influenced our world," there isn't much cohesiveness nor apparent reason for their selection. There are 5 units: Scientists, Entertainers (including Sports), Writers and Artists, "Shapers of the Modern World," and "Architects of the Future"; both living and dead. Involved battery of comprehension questions follow each chapter. A very mixed exposure here. Teachers manual is $2.00.

See also:

AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN U.S. HISTORY

Volumes A and B, #684

HISPANICS IN U.S. HISTORY

#687, in the 900's (History section)

CENTER STAGE

#708, in Juvenile Books (Already at the Library) section.

MOMENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

#690, in the 900's (History section).

TO HELL WITH DYING

#718, in the Juvenile Books (Already at the Library) section.

The Unusual, the Unexplained, (000)

417 **Level 6**

AMAZING ESCAPES

T. G. Gunning

Putnam, 1984; *112 pp; $8.95*

0-3960-8324-2

Series: Hi/Low Books

Nine short stories about unbelievable escapes. They hold your interest.

418 **Level 6**

BERMUDA TRIANGLE

H. Schroeder

Crestwd, 1987; *48 pp; $10.95*

0-9139-4981-X

Series: Search for the Unknown

Stories of mysterious disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle - from fifteenth century myths to recent accounts - are told in a straight forward style. Two popular books on the subject are also discussed: The Bermuda Traingle by Charles Berlitz (which suggests that UFO's are responsible and The Bermuda Triangle Mystery Solved, by Lawrence Kusche (which offers logical explanations). Compelling reading.

419 **Level 7**

CREATURES FROM UFO'S

D. Cohen

Putnam, 1978; *115 pp; $8.95*

0-3960-7582-7

Series: Hi/Low Books

Interesting recountings of reported

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experiences with visitors from outer space. The reader is asked to judge the validity of each report. Enjoyable reading. The reading level is high because of the large number of multisyllable words..

420 **Level 6**

FORTY DAYS LOST

B. East
Crestwd, 1979; *47 pp; $8.95*
0-8968-6050-7
Series: Survival

Seven men survive for forty days after their plane makes an emergency landing in the wilderness of Northern Quebec. A compelling true story.

421 **Level 5**

FROZEN TERROR

B. East
Crestwd, 1979; *47 pp; $8.95*
0-8968-6057-4
Series: Survival

A fisherman is trapped on an ice floe in Lake Michigan and survives many frightening mishaps in his dangerous return to shore. Outdoor Life editor Ben East recounts the suspenseful true adventure.

☞ **422** **Level 4**

GREAT DISASTERS

H. Billings, M. Stone
Stk-Vn, 1990; *94 pp.; $6.00*
0-8114-4175-X

With quotes from eyewitnesses as well as good descriptions, 12 disasters are covered including the Titanic, the Challenger explosion, and the Bhopal, India gas leak. Large print and effective historic photos encourage reading. Highlighted words are defined and exercises are included.

☞ **423** **Level 5**

GREAT ESCAPES

H. Billings, M. Stone
Stk-Vn, 1990; *94 pp.; $6.00*
0-8114-4177-6

In an exciting and educational format, 12 true accounts of escapes including Houdini's, a 1982 prison break, and a balloon ride to W. Germany are all offered as examples. Boldfaced words are defined in a glossary; includes exercises.

424 **Level 6**

GREAT MYSTERIES OF THE AIR

E. F. Dolan, Jr.
Putnam, 1983; *124 pp; $8.95*
0-3960-8185-1
Series: Hi/Low Books

Descriptions of ghost planes, disappearing crews and unexplained accidents. Includes Amelia Earhart, the Bermuda Triangle and Charles Lindbergh. The author maintains a healthy skepticism. Large readable type, hardback.

425 **Level 7**

GREAT MYSTERIES OF THE ICE AND SNOW

E. F. Dolan, Jr.
Putnam, 1985; *128 pp; $8.95*
0-3960-8642-X
Series: Hi/Low Books

Good photos and maps enhance the stories about strange things which can happen in frozen worlds. Yeti (the abominable snowman), the fate of the hot air balloon Eagle, and other mysteries are all here.

426 **Level 4**

HAVE WE LIVED BEFORE?

L. Atkinson

Putnam, 1982; *112 pp; $8.95*
0-3960-7999-7
Series: Hi/Low Books

Five case histories of people who claim to have lived previous lives. The final two chapters are about what religions and scientific investigators have to say about reincarnation. Appealing format and interesting content.

427 **Level 4**

HEAD ON WITH HURRICANE CAMILLE

G. Cory

Rntree, 1980; *49 pp.; $6.95*
0-8172-1565-4

A simply written and absorbing "you are there" story about a family who decide not to abandon their Gulfport, Mississippi home during the hurricane of 1969 (Hurricane Camille). This could spark a valuable discussion about human behavior during disaster.

428 **Level 5**

INCREDIBLE TRUE ADVENTURES

D. L. Wullfson

Putnam, 1986; *110 pp; $8.95*
0-3960-8799-X
Series: Hi/Low Books

A collection of nine short adventures about adults who have survived physical ordeals in natural disasters and war. Among them are Teddy Roosevelt in the jungles of Brazil, a family escaping the Iron Curtain by tank, and a girl swimming to shore after a shipwreck. Photographs and prints illustrate it. Large readable print. Not necessarily for children, though classified as such by the Library of Congress. Hardback.

429 **Level 4**

THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

L. Dunkling

Lngmn, 1982; *16 pp; $3.95*
0-5827-9820-5
Series: Longman American Structural Readers

A brief and easy-to-read introduction to the "facts" and opinions about Nessie. Attractively illustrated with photos and drawings — some of them in color.

430 **Level 7**

MONSTER HUNTING TODAY

D. Cohen

Putnam, 1983; *123 pp; $8.95*
0-3960-8184-3
Series: Hi/Low Books

Not just another Bigfoot or Loch Ness monster book, this includes other lesser known creature hunts and accounts by viewers. The six fairly long chapters include words like "cryptozoologist" and "jagonini" (a large lizard-like creature) and should be approached with some caution (and assistance). The readable type and unusual subject matter could draw anyone into reading it. Hardback.

☞ **431** **Level 5**

SUPERSTARS IN ACTION COURAGE AND DARING

R. C. Hill

Stk-Vn, 1989; *108 pp.; $6.00*
0-8114-1598-8

Though half this book is exercises, the other half offers brief accounts of feats of courage and daring: the Voyager's precarious trip, breaking the sound barrier, climbing Mt. Everest, and an account of a wheelchair athlete's round-the-world trip.

432 **Level 4**

SURVIVE THE SAVAGE SEA

D. Robertson, R. Kingsbury

Lngmn, 1978; *48 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3691-X
Series: Longman Structural Readers

The Robertson family's heroic struggle for survival for 38 days in a dinghy in the Pacific ocean. Heavily illustrated with photographs, drawings, and maps.

433 **Level 4**

TALES OF ESCAPE

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1970; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9180-X
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

Three war stories of escape or survival based on actual incidents. Interesting tales written in simple language.

434 **Level 6**

TALES OF MYSTERY AND THE UNKNOWN

R. Potter

Globe, 1976; *214 pp; $6.95*
0-8706-5276-1

An unusually good collection of mystery, science fiction, and supernatural tales. Adapted from originals by well-known authors. Reading aids include pages of definitions and exercises to aid in understanding. Teacher's manual is $1.55.

435 **Level 4**

TALES OF RAILROADS

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1976; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9188-5
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

Stories of a fight to save a British railroad yard from bombs during World War I, the rescue of a snowbound train, and the capture of a train full of Union spies by Confederate soldiers are told at an easy reading level.

436 **Level 3**

TALES OF RESCUE

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1970; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9190-7
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

Stories of rescue from a sinking ship, a mine cave-in, and an Arctic island are told in a non-sensational, low-key narrative.

437 **Level 4**

TALES OF SHIPWRECK

E. G. Jerrome

Fearon, 1970; *32 pp; $3.00*
0-8224-9187-7
Series: Pacemaker True Adventures

Accounts of the rescue of $10 million in gold from the ocean floor and the raising of the Normandie from New York Harbor during World War II, as well as of the survival of an English ship during an 1889 hurricane in the Samoan Islands.

438 **Level 6**

TRAPPED IN DEVIL'S HOLE

B. East

Crestwd, 1979; *47 pp; $8.95*
0-8968-6056-6
Series: Survival True Adventure

Two experienced fishermen are trapped in a steep canyon in a remote wilderness area until their daring rescue. Common sense and outdoor experience help them survive after they fail at an attempt to escape.

439 **Level 3 - 5**

TRUE STORIES IN THE NEWS

S. Heyer

Lngmn, 1987; *93 pp.; $7.95*
0-5829-0743-8

These half page believe-it-or-not news stories with appealing photographs could spark conversation and encourage reading. The numerous exercises are fairly involved and will require tutor help. MORE TRUE STORIES, a similar format, is a little more involved, 0-8013-0223-4, $7.95.

Computers (000)

440 **Level 7**

COMPUTERS: INTRODUCTION TO MICROPROCESSING

L. Jones

Lngmn, 1983; *46 pp; $4.25*
0-5825-3334-1
Series: Longman Structural Readers

A full color reader and step by step tutorial for computer theory, language and programming. All commands are in BASIC. A fairly advanced new reader with an interest in computers could get a very good idea of how they work here. Answers to the problems make self instruction possible. Includes input, flowcharts, a look inside the computer, talking to a distant computer. More such books on a lower reading level are needed.

Psychology (100)

441 **Level 6**

BUILDING SELF CONFIDENCE

N. Tune

Fearon, 1985; *60 pp; $4.50*
0-8224-4368-6
Series: A LifeSchool Work Text

A self-counseling text. The tips here can be applied to anyone's life. Describes the importance of a good self image and how to develop it. Like others in this series, each chapter begins with an illustrative story, then text, then brief exercises.

442 **Level 4**

CHOICES IN YOUR LIFE

M. McKenzie

Cambr, 1983; *28 pp; $2.75*
0-8428-9620-1
Series: Adult Literacy

Five short stories or dialogues about people making difficult choices in their lives. This brief booklet is an introduction to its topics, which include sexual harassment, caring for the elderly, and teenage pregnancy.

443 **Level 4**

DECISIONS IN YOUR LIFE

M. McKenzie

Cambr, 1983; *25 pp; $2.25*
0-8428-9619-8
Series: Adult Literacy

Six thought-provoking vignettes, some based on real-life episodes. Topics include trust, peer pressure, euthanasia, and rights of parents. A short book with short chapters.

444 **Level 5**

STAGES IN ADULT LIFE

M. Charuhas

Sc,For, 1982; *64 pp; $3.45*
0-6732-4140-8
Series: Adult Readers Library

Although somewhat middle class in its orientation, this is nonetheless a useful discussion of the six stages most adults experience. Told by means of case studies, the book holds interest from beginning to end, but can be used in bits and pieces according to the needs of the reader.

Religion (200)

445 **Level 5 - 9**

BIBLE TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION

AmBib, *various; $2.00 - $6.00*

The reviewing committee has decided to recommend this version for the following reasons: (1) It is relatively faithful to the original texts in content and meaning. (2) It is published without doctrinal note or comment. (3) It contains several useful comprehension and usage aids, such as an introduction and outline of contents for each book, a word list, maps, a chronology of events, and a subject index. (4) It is inexpensive. (5) It is readable. The language used is common, and the reading level is relatively low and consistent (5th grade to 9th grade).

This translation of the Bible can be purchased in any one of fourteen formats, some of them entitled Good News Bible and some Holy Bible: with or without line drawings or full-color illustrations, with or without Deuterocannonicals/Apocrypha, in paperback or hardback, in various colors of covers. There is also a two-volume edition in extra large print. It is suggested that libraries send for a copy of the publisher's catalog to compare editions.

446 **Level 6**

BIBLE STORIES. NEW TESTAMENT. SPECIAL EDUCATION SELECTIONS, Series I and II

AmBib, 1974, 1982; *2 - 8 pp; $0.10 ea.*

Series: Series I and Series II

Printed with generous spacing, on semi-gloss paper, and with only a few sentences to a page, these attractive booklets are easy on the eye. Series I is illustrated with color photos and Series II with drawings. There are 8 leaflets in each series - each is a single parable or story from the life of Jesus or a Psalm.

☞ **447** **Level 3**

THE BOOK OF JOHN, A SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

NewWords, 1990; *78 pp.; $3.95*

A good writedown of the standard version of the Gospel of John, this loses very little in the simplification and, in fact, synthesizes the message. Edited by L. Penner.

448 **Level 5**

GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS

AmBib, 1973 - 1976; *various; prices/leaflet*

Series: A through D

Parables and stories from the life of Jesus. Attractively illustrated and presented. Unfortunately, Series A are printed in coverless pamphlets of thin paper; they need to be reinforced for multiple circulation. Each series progresses to a somewhat higher reading level. A: 8 leaflets, B: 10 leaflets, C: 10 leaflets all at $0.05; D: 7 stories in 1 binding: $0.55.

449 **Level 4**

JESUS OF NAZARETH

D. M. Harralson

Cambr, 1983; *40 pp; $2.59*

0-8428-9608-2

Series: LVA Readers

A synopsis of the most important events in the life of Jesus. This book is shorter and easier to read than the more comprehensive THE STORY OF JESUS, #454.

450 **Level 5**

PEOPLE AND THEIR RELIGIONS, PARTS 1 and 2

T. J. Clarke

Cambr, 1983; *37 pp; $2.50 ea*

0-8420-9609-0

Series: Adult Literacy
A very readable introduction to the major religions, with emphasis on history, tenets, and ceremonies. Part 1 includes Judaism and Christianity; Part 2, 0-8420-9610-4, 41 pp, covers Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

452 **Level 4**

SOME STORIES OF JESUS

J. Spearing
P:L, 1986; *28 pp.; $1.50*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group
Seven notable and exciting stories about Jesus. Also includes a brief historical background of Jesus' times. There is a pronunciation guide to several "new words." This would be useful for discussion.

453 **Level 5**

STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

D. M. Harralson
Cambr, 1983; *39 pp; $2.10*
0-842-896074
Series: Adult Literacy
A brief selection of eight well known bible stories, including Genesis, Kings David and Solomon, the Book of Ruth, and the Ten Commandments. Written as part of an LVA project. Large readable print.

454 **Level 6**

THE STORY OF JESUS, PARTS 1 - 3

F. C. Laubach, adapted
NRP, 1963; *61 - 63 pp; $3.00 ea*
0-8833-6501-4
Part 1 is entitled JESUS' BIRTH AND MINISTRY; Part 2, 0-8833-6502-2, JESUS' DEATH AND RESURECTION; and Part 3, 0-8833-6503-0, THE PARABLES OF JESUS. Part 3 includes some explanation and interpretation. These books have proved appealing to adult new readers interested in the subject. Three-part set, $7.95.

455 **Level 4**

THOSE WHO DARED: ADVENTURE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE

B. McGraw
Sc,For, 1982; *64 pp; $3.45*
0-6732-4138-6
Series: Adult Readers Library
Old Testament stories of Deborah, Gideon, David, Absalom, Elijah, Ahab, and Esther, told in a straightforward, matter-of-fact style. Adapted.

Social Science, Government, Citizenship (300)

456 **Level 6**

BECOMING A U. S. CITIZEN

B. Herzog
Cambr, 1982; *64 pp; $4.25*
0-8428-2351-4
Series: Follett Coping Skills
All the basics in a simple text. Includes U.S. history and government information which will be helpful for the naturalization examination. Answers are in the

book. Teacher's guide, 0-8428-2352-2, $1.75.

457 **Level 6**

BECOMING A VOTER

C. Jordan, N. Oakley

P:L, 1988; *32 pp.; $2.00*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

This focuses on voting in Ohio and especially Cuyahoga County, but sections on the mechanics of voting could be adapted for use in other locales. Other strong points include: a discussion of primary and general elections, the seven pages of sample ballots and voting forms and a fill-in page offering space for names of current public officials (tutor help will be needed for this).

458 **Level 6**

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN SOCIAL STUDIES

L. J. Fleming, editor

Contemp, 1981; *172 pp; $5.50*
0-8092-5972-9
Series: Building Basic Skills

This provides practice for those beginning study toward the GED test. There are reading passages, followed by questions in five subjects: economics, geography, political science, history, and behavioral science. Each subject unit concludes with answers and explanations which round out this useful volume written at an accessible reading level.

459 **Level 7+**

CIVIL JUSTICE

W. Johnson, S. McKay

Schol, rev ed 1988; *224 pp; $7.75*
0-590-3488-0
Series: Living Law

A thorough coverage of all aspects of civil law, damages and injuries, and family law. Although this is above the maximum reading level set for this bibliography, it is included because of the importance of the topic and the scarcity of material on this subject at low reading levels. Written for use in high school classrooms, it is also usable by adults, who can skip some of the suggested activities. Clearly written, attractively arranged, and updated to reflect changes in the legal system. Teaching guide, $7.95.

460 **Level 6**

COMMUNITY

S. Royce

Fearon, 1989; *63 pp; $3.84*
0-8224-2212-3
Series: Ablest Plus

Introduces the reader to the concept of community and offers a new awareness to various services available; i.e., those that deal with battered women, libraries, job rehabilitation, to name a few. Attractive photos illustrate the variety of services. Each chapter includes a wordlist with definitions.

461 Level 7+

CRIMES AND JUSTICE

M. C. Bassiouni et al
H-M, 1974; *101 pp; $10.28*
0-3951-7613-1
Series: Justice in America

The reader is introduced, through a series of case studies and discussions, to the legal process and is asked to evaluate the seriousness of various crimes and to think of ways to reduce crime. A thought-provoking book for the advanced adult new reader.

462 Level 6

CRIME AND THE LAW

M. Phillips
Peoples, 1982; *64 pp; $3.50*
0-8833-6515-4

A discussion of the criminal justice system, with information on the rights of suspects and defendants, duties of and help for witnesses, assistance for victims, and responsibilities of jurors. Well-organized and clearly written. Workbook, 0-8833-6516-2, $2.50.

463 Level 7+

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

W. Johnson, C. Martz, R. Novelli
Schol, rev ed 1988; *220 pp; $7.75*
0-590-34828
Series: Living Law

A comprehensive presentation of the criminal justice system in the United States: the laws, the enforcement agencies, the court system, and the prisons. Although it is at a fairly difficult reading level, this title is included because it is well written, includes numerous examples and is about a subject not well covered in materials with lower reading levels. Teaching guide, $7.95

464 Level 7

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

A. DeCaprio, T. A. Rakes
Stk-Vn, 1979; *140 pp; $5.80*
0-8114-00748-9
Series: Living in America

A thorough discussion of American government (federal, state, and local), citizenship, and law, with exercises at the end of each chapter and review activities every several chapters. Packed with information, including the texts of the Constitution and its Amendments. Answers in the book.

465 Level 7

ECONOMICS: ITS YOUR BUSINESS

H. Billings
Peoples, 1986; *144 pp; $7.50*
0-8833-6650-9

A current, readable explanation of basic economics for anyone. A paperback format, red highlighting and many charts and graphs help to make the material digestible. Brief skill and comprehension exercises help. Discusses consumer goods and choices, kinds of money, demand, profits, taxes, foreign trade, and different economic systems. Clarifies many economic issues. Could be useful in helping anyone understand the daily news, and the impact of economics on us all. Also, provides much practice in reading and interpreting graphs and charts. A lot of practical material in 144 pages. Workbook, 0-8833-6651-7, $3.75; teachers guide, 0-8833-6652-5, $2.25.

466 **Level 6**

GOVERNMENT

S. Royce

Fearon, 1989; *62 pp; $3.84*
0-8224-2211-5
Series: Ablest Plus

Four chapters effectively cover: voting, forms of government, campaigns, government branches, the U.S. constitution, lawmaking, and the various responsibilities of citizenship. A wordlist for each chapter enhances the information, as do an abundance of attention-grabbing photos of familiar faces.

467 **Level 7**

GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE

K. Baer

NRP, 3rd rev ed 1982; *72 pp; $5.50*
0-8833-6489-1
Series: Government and Voting

A concise yet thorough and understandable discussion of the U.S. Constitution and federal government. Illustrated with photographs.

468 **Level 5**

THE GOVERNMENT AND YOU

B. Herzog

Cambr, 1982; *64 pp; $4.50*
0-8428-2349-2
Series: Follett Coping Skills

A discussion of U.S. government - federal state, and local - and the political process. Fairly comprehensive in its coverage but not detailed in any area. It is quite understandable. Answers are in the book. Teacher's guide, 0-8248-2350-6, $1.50.

469 **Level 7**

GOVERNMENT TODAY

B. Vaillancourt

Peoples, 1985; *160 pp; $6.95*
0-8833-6856-0

Describes U.S. government, its various layers and how it affects daily life. Covers the Constitution, the President and cabinet, the legislative and judicial branches, the state governments and services, local government, taxes, and citizenship. Clear, complete, with current photos. The separate workbook is an advantage. This is a more extensive coverage than other government texts considered. Workbook, 0-8833-6857-9, 96 pp, $3.50. Teachers guide, 0-8833-6858-7, $2.25.

470 **Level 6**

HANDBOOK FOR CITIZENSHIP

M. Seeley

Almny, 1989; *104 pp; $6.95*

0-8808-4323-3
Emphasizing oral practice for the naturalization exam, this can be used without the accompanying tape with a tutor reading the script, if necessary. Includes "the most commonly asked questions" as well as a copy of an actual test. Cassette, $12.95.

471 Level 4

THE LAW AND YOU

B. Herzog
Cambr, 1981; *64 pp; $4.50*
0-8428-2312-3
Series: Follett Coping Skills
An elementary introduction to aspects of the law most likely to affect the average citizen. After a chapter defining law, lessons deal with law as it relates to housing, jobs, family, contracts, and crime. Also included are brief chapters on getting legal help and courtroom behavior. It is difficult to write a book on this subject at a fourth grade reading level. Though there are some omissions, it succeeds, by and large, in its task. Answers are in the book. Teachers guide, 0-8428-2340-9, $1.50.

☞ 472 Level 4

LEVI'S 501 JEANS AND OTHER STORIES

L. Winer
P-H, 1987; *54 pp; $3.25*
0-8834-5580-3
Series: Regents Readers
Five actual stories about the development and marketing of these well-known products: Levi's jeans, the Volkswagen beetle, Hershey's chocolate, Chanel No. 5, and Coca-Cola. A few old photographs break up the text, as do the highlighted, defined words which native English speakers will not need. Questions follow each chapter.

473 Level 7+

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Solomon Wiener
Rgnts, rev ed 1986; *240 pp; $6.75*
0-8834-5485-8
A compact handbook packed with information on American history and government and on immigration and naturalization. Included are the complete texts of several important American documents (which are responsible for the "(+) and up" designation in the reading level).

474 Level 4

STATE YOUR CLAIM: SMALL CLAIMS COURT

L. Glasner, M. Thypin
EMC, 1980; *60 pp; $3.95*
0-8843-6517-4
Series: Consumer Education
Jose and Terry Lopez sue a dry cleaner over a spot on a leather jacket. A clear explanation of small claims court in story form. Read-along cassette, $10.00.

475 **Level 6**

UNDERSTANDING CONTRACTS AND LEGAL DOCUMENTS, UNDERSTANDING CRIMINAL LAW

Idaho Department of Education with the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory

Glencoe, 1980; *124 pp; $19.96*
0-0706-0913-6
Series: Lifeworks

The essentials of contracts and legal documents from the consumer's point of view as well as a description of the provisions of criminal law, including explanations of what to do in case of personal involvement. Thorough coverage for the fairly accomplished adult new reader.

476 **Level 6**

YOU ARE THE JUDGE, Book 1, 2

M. Lipman

HiNoon, 1981; *79 pp ea; $6.00 ea*
0-8787-9280-5

Each of these books contains twelve actual court cases for the reader to decide. In each case thinking is guided by a judge's "think sheet," and the reader is asked to render an opinion by filling in the blanks in a "Court's Opinion and Order for Judgment." The learning-by-doing method of these books is fun and gives the reader a good feel for the process. Book 2, 0-8787-9231-3.

477 **Level 8**

YOUR RIGHTS AND THE LAW

T. Silviera

Fearon, 1985; *75 pp; $5.25*
0-8224-7680-0
Series: Government Worktexts

The various rights outlined in the Constitution are enumerated and explained. One chapter is devoted to each in a clear, concise way. Other topics include: "Your responsibilities": taxes and the census and "Your powers in action." Petitions are explained in the two final chapters. Brief exercises. Answer key available.

Jobs and Careers (300)

478 **Level 5**

BECOMING A SUPERVISOR

P. Simonsen

Sc,For, 1982; *64 pp; $3.45*
0-6732-4143-2
Series: Adult Readers Library

Examines the role of a supervisor and what it takes to become one, touching on the basics of communication and problem-solving skills in the work place. A very good title on a subject not well covered in other titles in this section.

479 **Level 6+**

CAREER READING SKILLS, Books A, B, C

J. Dawkins, A. Granowsky

Globe, 1984; *96 pp ea; $5.46 ea*
0-8706-5451-9

Short reading selections on dozens of occupations, each followed by exercises to strengthen vocabulary and comprehension and teach coping skills. These books will be best used piecemeal, the student selecting the section of occupations (recording industry, housing, air conditioning, hospital, retailing, transportation etc.) in which he is most interested. A, and B, 0-8706-5452-7, are at the 6th grade level; C, 0-8706-5453-3, is 7th-8th. Teacher's guide: 0-8706-5454-3, $3.90.

☞ 480 Level 6

DON'T GET FIRED - 13 WAYS TO HOLD YOUR JOB

D. Anema

Janus, 1978; *64 pp; $4.55*
0-9155-1024-3

Young adults are targeted here for some good advice on conduct on the job, especially low level jobs. Some phonetic respellings and suggested activities are below level and inappropriate.

481 Level 6

FILLING OUT JOB APPLICATION FORMS

J. McHugh

EMC, 1981; *64 pp; $4.50*
0-8843-6786-X

Solid information on how to fill out employment application forms, followed by twelve actual forms on which the reader can practice. A glossary of terms used in the text is appended. Reader, 0-8843-6785-1, $4.50; read-along cassette, $10.00.

482 Level 5

FINDING A JOB

J. McHugh

EMC, 1981; *58 pp; $4.50*
0-8843-6783-5
Series: Practical Job Skills

Specific job search tips include evaluating what job is right for you, using a newspaper to find one, employment agencies, interviewing hints, and factors to weigh when making the final decision. The advice is specific, practical, and of the type not often found elsewhere. Jobs described should appeal to adults and older teens who are, or will soon be, high school graduates. Exercises practice the different techniques presented in the chapters. Answers are in the back of the book, which is helpful. Text/workbook, $4.50; teacher's guide free with 10 copies; read-along cassette, $10.00.

483 Level 4

FINDING WORK

Cambr, 1977; *64 pp; $4.50*
0-8428-2325-5
Series: Follett Coping Skills

An attractive and easy-to-follow workbook on job seeking, with the emphasis on using want ads, but also including information on filling out application forms and assessing personal qualifications. Answers are in the book. Teacher's guide, 0-8428-2321-2, $1.50.

484 **Level 5**

GETTING READY FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

F. Armstrong et al

Glencoe, 1980; *179 pp; $19.96*
0-0700-2517-7
Series: Lifeworks

Information on filling out application forms, using employment agencies, reading and replying to want ads, and applying for a social security number. Each section is followed by exercises and suggestions for further activities. Answers are in the book. Designed for use in classrooms, this is also a useful book for adults working alone.

485 **Level 4**

GIVE THE KID A CHANCE

L. Glasner, M. Thypin

Fearon, 1976; *61 pp; $4.20*
0-8224-7256-2
Series: Pacemaker Vocational Readers

As James gets a job as a baker's helper in a bread factory, he learns the operation, joins a union, and even learns to call in sick. This very low reading level (seems lower than 4) relies on many photographs to get its meaning across. Provides support and information to people with limited job alternatives. See series comments.

486 **Level 7**

HOSPITAL JOBS

S. E. Schwartz

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2006-0
Series: Career Awareness Plus

This describes the many low level jobs available in hospitals. Includes pharmacy storekeeper, x-ray clerk, housekeeper, orderly, laundry helper, food service worker, and mailroom clerk. Within each section, there is a description of how to get the job, a typical workday, and the practical problems arising from each position. The exercise cover reading and math skills. Free teacher's manual, answer key available.

487 **Level 4**

HOTEL/MOTEL JOBS

S. E. Schwartz

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2007-9
Series: Career Awareness Plus

Describes low level hotel/motel jobs: bellhop, housekeeper, pool custodian, driver, banquet worker and security guard. Personalizes each job with a description of how each person got the position, what they do, a job sample and a few practical problems which would routinely happen if "the job is yours." Very simple exercises.

488 **Level 6**

INTERVIEWING FOR JOBS

J. McHugh

EMC, 1981; *63 pp; $4.50*
0-8843-6788-6
Series: Practical Job Skills

This text/workbook combination offers good tips in a well organized format. The reader practices by recognizing mistakes made in sample interviews by young job applicants. A list of 45 "commonly asked" interview questions is appended. Reader, $4.50; teacher's guide free with 10 copies; read-along cassette, $10.00.

489 **Level 6**

JANUS JOB INTERVIEW GUIDE

Livingstone

Janus, 2d ed 1977; *80 pp; $4.95*
0-9155-1015-4

After an introduction of tips for a successful interview, the reader "observes" fifteen interviews through photographs and dialogues and is asked to rate them. Comprehension questions and puzzles (both of negligible value) follow each interview. Although most of the job hunters are young high school grads, two are older. Teacher's manual with answer key included.

490 **Level 6**

JANUS JOB PLANNER

W. Jew, R. Tong

Janus, 2d ed 1987; *88 pp; $4.95*
0-88102-088-5

This title is designed for young adults, and some of the exercises are meaningless for adults. It is included, however, because of its unique and useful approach to helping the job-seeker inventory and evaluate his interests, experience, manual skills, attitudes, and values, as well as his feelings about the relative importance of working conditions and pay. Teacher's manual included.

☞ **492** **Level 5**

JOBS

S. Royce

Fearon, 1989; *62 pp; $3.84*
0-8224-2215-8
Series: Ablest Plus

Including a variety of ages and races in its many related photos, this slightly oversized book takes the reader through the process of finding the right job and keeping it. Boldfaced words are defined after each of five chapters.

493 **Level 5**

JOB INTERVIEWS

McVey and Associates, Inc.

Cambr, 1978; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8428-23290-8
Series: Follett Coping Skills

A step-by-step discussion of the job interview process including information on setting up an interview, being prepared, dressing appropriately, planning answers to the questions, and asking appropriate questions. Teacher's guide, 0-8428-2342-5, $1.50.

494 **Level 4**

JULIE AT THE PUMPS

P. Larned

Janus, 1977; *40 pp; $2.95*
0-9155-1017-0
Series: People Working Today

Except for a somewhat syrupy ending, this is a solid story about Julie Soong's search for and growth in a job that suits her talents and personality. Good ideas and information on choosing an occupation in a fiction format. The central character is a recent high school graduate. Teacher's manual included.

495 **Level 6**

KEEPING A JOB

N. Tune

Fearon, 1983; *76 pp; $4.80*
0-8224-4227-2
Series: Pacemaker Job Skills

Going beyond the usual "getting a job" format, this book instructs the reader on what it takes to be a good worker. Each chapter tells a brief story which illustrates the various tips: learning to be dependable as well as fast, learning the unwritten rules, "the pecking order" of an organization, displaying a good attitude, communicating problems and cooperating with others.

496 **Level 4 - 5**

ON THE JOB

L. Mikulecky, R. Drew

Cambr, 1987; *145 pp ea; $4.75 ea.*
0-8428-0160-7
Series: Readings in Real-life Competencies

Since reading on the job is really interpreting manuals, forms, charts, and letters rather than straight book reading, this stresses that "workplace literacy" and provides realistic fiction about people who are new to various jobs. Book 2, 0-8428-0161-8; Book 3, 0-8428-0162-6. Separate activity books, $3.25 each.

497 **Level 4**

PACEMAKER VOCATIONAL READERS

L. Glasner, M. Thypin

Fearon, 1976; *62 pp ea; $4.20 ea*
0-8224-7256-2

In a fictional format, this ten-part series provides support and information about vocations for adults who may have limited job alternatives. The large photos on each page help to relay the message at a level that seems lower than 4. One drawback: pictures are dated and youth-oriented. Additional individual titles are: SOMEONE FOR THE SUMMER (Waitress), 0-8224-7252-X; AND ITS SO QUIET (Janitor), 0-8224-7259-7; THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COUNTER (Short Order Cook), 0-8224-7255-4; POWER ON AND START PRINT (Duplicating Room Worker); FITTING RIGHT IN (Sewing machine operator), 0-8224-7258-9; UNTIL JOE COMES BACK (stock clerk), 0-8224-7253-8; I'LL TRY TOMORROW (gardener), 0-8224-7257-0; READY TO GO (mechanic's helper), 0-8224-7251-1; YOU KNOW HOW CHILDREN ARE (day care center aide); and Teacher's Guide, 0-8224-7261-9.

498 **Level 5**

REAL JOBS FOR REAL PEOPLE

B. Piltch

Pndrgrs, 1988; *60 pp; $3.75*
0-8832-3246-4

In a workbook format, this accurately describes the positive and negative aspects of a variety of jobs. Many jobs may not require a high school diploma. The chapters could be used selectively by the tutor, as could the many exercises. Unfortunately the illustrations are not first rate.

499 **Level 7**

A REALISTIC JOB SEARCH

F. Armstrong et al

Glencoe, 1980; *168 pp; $19.96*
0-0700-2518-5
Series: Lifeworks

This worktext concentrates on planning and writing resumes, writing cover letters, preparing for interviews, and taking employment tests. Provides plenty of exercises and opportunities for practice.

500 **Level 5**

THE REALITY OF WORK AND PROMOTION

F. Armstrong et. al.

Glencoe, 1980; *168 pp; $19.96*
0-0700-2519-3
Series: Lifeworks

Among the topics covered in this text/workbook are the first days on the job, health and safety precautions, getting along with supervisors and co-workers, understanding paychecks, unions, what to do about discrimination, and working toward promotion.

501 **Level 6**

RESTAURANT JOBS

S. E. Schwartz

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2004-4
Series: Career Awarness Plus

Describes the positions of waiter, "busperson," cook's helper, salad maker, dishwasher, and cashier - all jobs within reach of a high school graduate. Sections include: meet the worker, a typical workday, a job closeup of a practical problem, and imagining the "job is yours." A few appropriate exercises, black and white drawings and photos, and a free teacher's manual.

502 **Level 4**

STORE JOBS

S. E. Schwartz

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2005-2
Series: Career Awareness Plus

Describes low level department store jobs: stock clerk, sales clerk, gift wrapper, custodian, delivery and pickup clerk. Each job is covered in eight pages, organized in 4 double-page spreads. Each describes the job, explores its different aspects, and provides practical problems which may arise for each. Drawings and photos make this useful and effective. Free teacher's manual.

503 Level 4

TONY, THE NIGHT CUSTODIAN

S. Otfinoski

Janus, 1977; *40 pp; $2.95*
0-9155-1021-9
Series: People Working Today

After struggling through special education classes and working as a custodial assistant, Tony Capella graduates from high school and becomes a night custodian. His experiences give him the confidence to go back to school, improve his reading, and study building maintenance. Teacher's manual included.

504 Level 7

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING A JOB, Parts 1, 2

C. M. Starkey, N. W. Penn

NatlTxtbk, 1986; *75 pp; $4.95*
0-8442-5657-9

A clear text filled with examples, exercises, vocabulary lists, and an answer key. Part 1 deals with practical job search. Part 2 offers guidance on filling out often-used forms.

See also:

EVERYTHING'S DIFFERENT ON THE JOB

#57 in General Fiction section.

Community Resources (300)

505 Level 6

COMMUNITY

C. Miller, S. Royce

Fearon, 1980; *48 pp; $3.84*
0-8224-2202-6
Series: Ablest Plus

A updated, specific, brief discussion of community services valuable for a simple format and low reading level. Fire and police departments, meals on wheels, a parental stress hot-line, Head Start, the library, prenatal clinics and public assistance are among the services mentioned. Includes large photos. "Words to Learn" are highlighted and defined following each chapter. Though one reviewer found the "funny words" exercises annoying and ridiculous, they are short!

506 Level 3

LET'S GET TOGETHER

EastEnd, 1987; *32 pp; $5.00*
0-9200-1306-6
Series: Language for Change

A short photo-documentary describing the student-tutor activities of a Canadian literacy center. Provides an introduction to planning social events and running meetings. These ideas about getting involved reinforce the notion that even beginning reading adults can take an active role.

507 **Level 6**

USING COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Cambr, 1977; *64 pp; $4.50*
0-8428-2328-X
Series: Follett Coping Skills
Offers lessons on using the telephone directory to locate community services. This is important for its emphasis on helping the student apply skills in finding his own information and assistance in his own community. Teacher's guide, 0-8428-2324-7, $1.50.

Reading and Understanding (400)

508 **Level 4 - 7**

ADULT READING: COMPREHENSION

V. M. Malone et al
Sc,For, 1981-82; *64 pp; $3.45 ea*
0-6732-4149-1
A program of reading selections and questions, in 24 paperback booklets, for the development of reading comprehension. The booklets are in four subject groupings - Coping, Cultures, Messages, and People and progress in reading difficulty within each grouping. Books at the same reading level cover the same skills. The readings are interesting and the exercises pertinent. The format and layout is adult, with the possible exception of the overlarge type in Level A books. Answers are in the back of each booklet. Since booklets may be purchased separately and each is self-contained, this is highly flexible and adaptable in various ways to a library's clientele and budget. Set $74.50. Instructors guide: 0-6732-24125-4; military edition, 0-6732-24127-0; correctional edition, 0-6732-24126-2, $3.45 ea

509 **Level 6**

ALL ABOUT THE DICTIONARY

H. J. LaSalle, A. W. Riese
Amsco, 1986; *98 pp; $9.00*
0-8772-0330-X
A compact and thorough introduction to dictionary skills which assumes little prior knowledge and can be used with any dictionary. Though there are several references to a teacher, this guide can be used with a minimum of assistance and is not juvenile in its approach.

☞ **510** **Level 5**

BEGIN IN ENGLISH

J. Bailey
ProLing, 1987; *110 pp; $8.95*
0-9433-2704-0
A wonderful variety of one page stories, true or not, in a workbook format. Exercises encourage dictionary use, but are not vital.

511 **Level 4**

A BETTER READING WORKSHOP, Books 1 - 3

R. R. Potter
Globe, rev ed 1984; *60 pp ea; $3.99 ea*
0-8706-5446-2
Book 1, READING SPEED FOR

COMPREHENSION, examines the skill of "skimming" classified ads, involved signs such as building directories and indexes for key words and phrases. Book 2, READING FOR MAIN IDEAS, 0-8706-5447-0, concentrates on identifying topics and key sentences to further refine reading ability. Book 3, MAKING INFERENCES, 0-8706-5448-9, works on distinguishing fact from opinion, making predictions or assumptions from certain words. All have an attractive format, are appealing, but are above a beginning level. Teaching guide for series, with answers, $1.95.

512 **Level 6**

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN READING, Books 1, 2.

Contemp, 1981; *151 pp; $5.50 ea*
0-8092-5878-1
Series: Building Basic Skills

Texts designed for adult learners at the pre-GED skill level, these cover such reading skills as understanding main ideas, details, sequence, relationships, new words, and inferences. Well organized with large print and plenty of white space; answers are in the texts. Book 2, 0-8092-5840-4.

513 **Level 5**

BUILDING VOCABULARY, A - C

S. J. Rauch, P. K. Trocki
Globe, 1980; *48 pp; $2.95 ea*
0-8706-5372-5
Series: A Need to Read

At a remarkably low and consistent reading level, this set of vocabulary builders teaches the use of clues (synonyms, comparison, summary, context, example, and experience) to learn new words. Workbooks teach each skill slowly and carefully, provide numerous examples, and give plenty of opportunity for practice. Large type, two-color format, illustrations, and white space make these very attractive. Teacher's Manual available. Book B, 0-8706-5373-3; Book C, 0-8706-5374-1.

514 **Level 4**

BUILDING WORD POWER

J. C. Adams
Stk-Vn, rev ed 1975; *90 pp; $5.60*
0-8114-0370-X

Practice exercises in phonetic skills, which are introduced by word families and examples, and in structural word attack skills. Because of the format, this workbook is more useful for reinforcement than for initial instruction and is best used by the adult new reader with assistance. Ample review and reading practice is provided. Teacher's Manual available.

515 **Level 3 - 8**

CHALLENGER 1 - 8

C. Murphy
NRP, 1985; *112 - 190 pp; $4.75 - $7.50*
0-8833-6781-5

A set of 8 reading and writing

workbooks. Phonics is taught in the odd numbered books. Study words, reading passages and exercises appear in each. Books 1 and 3 use a story focusing on a group of adult characters. Interesting nonfiction pieces appear in Books 2 and 4. "Write-downs" of classic or famous works appear in Books 5 - 8. Many exercises make this more useful in a tutorial or small group setting. Answer key for 1-5, $2.75; teacher's manual for 6, 7, and 8, $5.00; individual diplomas, $0.15.

☞ 516 Level 5

CLIFFHANGERS

H. Billings

NRP, 1990; *94 pp; $4.25*

0-8833-6487-5

These fourteen big news stories of the 19th and 20th century, arranged chronologically, are very interesting. Unfortunately each leaves the reader hanging and the endings in the teacher's manual become very necessary. Exercises focus on writing, vocabulary, and word usage and could be omitted. Teacher's guide, 0-8833-6488-3, $5.95.

517 Level 3 - 7

CONTEMPORARY'S NEW BEGINNINGS IN READING

B. Tivenan

Contemp., 1985; *90 pp; $3.75 ea*

0-8092-5176-0

Nine skillbooks teach reading in a consistent, adult format. Each volume focuses on one different phonics skill, numerous sight words, and one suffix or prefix. Each also contains a segment of a continuing story. In addition, each offers many reading enrichment passages unrelated to the story, an overview of new words and skill building puzzles. Flashcards, an answer key, pretest, posttest, and a "Certificate of Mastery" complete each volume. Some sections marked with a circle require tutor assistance. Others marked with a star can be done independently. A placement test and instructor's guide are also available. The passages offer personal insights and cover serious and interesting issues (war, factory life in the early 1900's, illiteracy in Cuba, have you lived other lives?). Odd numbered books have a life skills focus. Even numbered books focus on reading as an issue. (The first volume, "Groundbreaker Exercises", is noted but not recommended because it is not usable for a student on his own.) A placement test is also available. Instructor's Guide, $3.75.

518 Level 7

DEVELOPING THINKING SKILLS

S. Farney

Schol, 1981; *80 pp; $3.95*

0-5903-4004-2

Series: Scope Skills

Interesting instruction and practice in six thinking skills: understanding symbols, separating facts and feelings, grouping like things, structure and organization, sequencing, and determining relationships. Practice in real-life situations is included for each skill. A good approach to an important set of skills. Teaching Guide, $2.95.

519 **Level 6+**

DISASTERS

D. Dramer

Jmstn, 1982; *160 pp; $9.60*
0-8906-1247-1
Series: Critical Reading Skills

Twenty-one reading selections, of increasing difficulty to grade 10, each followed by exercises. Each section includes scorecard. An easy-to-use answer key is in the back. Reading selection topics include Krakatoa, the Titanic, Pompeii, the Hindenburg, and the Anchorage earthquake. For the advanced ABE student seeking to refine reading skills.

520 **Level 0-3**

ENTERING THE READER'S WORLD, Books 1 - 3

J. L. Cyzyk

Cambr, 1982; *154 pp; $5.00 ea*
0-8428-9503-5
Series: Reader's World

Designed to strengthen the prereading skills necessary before entry into a reading instruction program. Skills taught include recognizing, printing/writing, and sequencing letters of the alphabet, filling in personal data on forms, auditory perception, directional and spatial perceptions, functional signs and symbols, and sight vocabulary. Lessons are designed for one-to-one instruction, with the tutor's notes printed on the perforated margin of each page. The strengths of this program are the completeness of its placement test and its use of adult-interest vocabulary, exercises, and pictures. These are consumable worktexts and require tutor instruction. Book 2, 0-8428-9504-3; Book 3, 0-8428-9505-1, BCD Test; Student Booklet, 0-8428-9500-0, $3.00; BCD Test Administrator's Manual, 0-8428-9501-9, $11.00.

521 **Level 3 - 5**

FACTS PREP, FACTS 1, AND FACTS 2

D. Townsend

Stk-Vn, 1988; *62 pp; $4.40 ea*
0-8114-1964-9
Series: Stk-Vn Comprehension Skills

A collection of enriching half-page passages with comprehension questions following each passage. Answers are in the back. Part of a much larger series which includes practice on sequence, main idea, context, and drawing conclusions. The titles chosen are best for libraries; others have many exercises and high reading levels. FACTS 1, 0-8114-1950-9; FACTS 2, 0-8114-1951-7.

522 **Level 3**

FEELINGS ILLUSTRATED

NRP, 1977, 1987; *32 pp; $2.75 ea*
0-8833-6471-9

Each slim volume follows the same format: a full-page black-and-white photo and caption dealing with the prevailing theme of working, 0-8833-6472-2; playing, 0-8833-6472-7; loving, and laughing, 0-8833-6474-3. The last page suggests a few activities to prompt discussion and writing. Set, $9.50.

523 **Level 3 - 7**

FOLLETT BASIC EDUCATION: READING, Books 1, 2

R. L. Henney

Cambr, 1977; *199 pp; $6.55*

0-8428-2317-4

Two volumes, the first for students reading at fifth grade level or slightly below and the second for students reading above fifth grade level, designed to teach adults to read, write, and spell a functional vocabulary. The first lessons emphasize phonics and teaching one-syllable words by related word families. The remaining lessons teach sight words by means of stories and exercises. The reading selections progress in difficulty. These can be used independently of one another and—after the first twenty lessons—with a minimum of tutor assistance. A good supplement to a program of reading instruction or a good refresher for the adult with rusty reading skills.

524 **Level 7**

HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN IDIOMS AND IDIOMATIC USAGE

R. J. Dixson, H. C. Whitford

Rgnts, rev ed 1973; *192 pp; $6.25*

0-8834-5196-4

A dictionary of 5,000 common idiomatic words and phrases. Although intended for foreign speakers, it is useful for any adult whose limited experience with the English language or the written word has left him unfamiliar with many idiomatic expressions.

525 **Level 5**

IMPROVING YOUR READING WITH CARTOON STRIPS

E. C. Gruber

EdDsgn, 1983; *64 pp; $4.60*

0-8769-4212-5

A collection of one-line cartoon strips accompanied by definitions and questions; answers are on another page. Using this slim workbook and a tutor's help, an adult new reader can come to realize and enjoy the satire, irony and implied meaning in adult cartoons.

526 **Level 5**

IN THE KNOW, Books 1 - 4

M. P. O'Donnell, M. Wood.

NRP, 1987; *64; $3.75 ea*

0-8833-6324-0

Supplemental reader/workbooks which offer a diverse collection of articles (usually one page in length) followed by 2 pages of exercises. The clear and simple wording and interesting topics make it a valuable enrichment tool. Set, $16.95. Teacher's Guide, $4.00.

527 Level 0 - 6

LAUBACH WAY TO READING, Skill Books 1 - 4

F. C. Laubach et al

NRP, 1981-84; *Various pagings; $3.00 - $5.25*

0-8833-6901-X

A revision (modernized and improved based on numerous suggestions from students and tutors) of the New Streamlined English, the basic reading and writing program developed and used by Laubach Literacy Action. The program, which is phonics based and multi-sensory, is designed to take adult students from zero reading ability to the sixth grade level. It is one of the most respected systems for use in one-on-one tutoring of adults and is excellent for the beginning tutor because of the completeness and detail of the Teacher's Manuals. Other features of the series are: the logical sequencing of skills; the ability of students to read simple stories from the very first lesson; and written exercises which reinforce reading skills. Teachers manuals for each level, Check-ups, Crossword Puzzles, Diplomas, various prices. See catalog. Supplementary materials—MORE STORIES: see separate listing #532. Skill Book 2, 0-8833-6902-8, $3.50; Skill Book 3, 0-8833-6930-6, $5.00; Skill Book 4, 0-8833-6904-4, $5.25. CORRELATED READERS: SB 1, IN THE VALLEY, 0-8833-6921-4, $1.25; SB 2, CITY LIVING, 0-8833-6922-2, $1.25; SB 3, CHANGES, 0-8833-6923-0, $1.75; SB 4, PEOPLE AND PLACES, 0-8833-6924-9, $2.00.

528 Level 6

LET'S LOOK IT UP

P.K. Waelder

Peoples, 1977; *62 pp; $3.75*

0-8833-6468-9

Series: Practice in Survival Reading

Provides practice using reference materials found in everyday life, including a retail catalog, the phone book, a bus schedule, a book index, various types of graphs, a calendar, and a dictionary. Not as useful for initial instruction. A word list and answer key are included.

529 Level

LOOKING AT AMERICAN SIGNS

J. Huizenga

NatlTxbk, 1982; *60 pp; $4.50*

0-8442-0400-9

Each 2-page spread offers photos of several signs related by location or theme. Accompanying questions require the reader to sift through visual information to come up with answers or make decisions. Some answers require making inferences or applying previous knowledge. Answers are not in the book, but the format is almost "self-correcting." Teacher's guide, $3.95.

530 Level 3+

MACHINE AGE RIDDLES

C. Greatsinger

Peoples, 1975; *16 pp; $1.75*

0-8836-6440-9
Series: Practice in Survival Reading

Outline drawings of objects encountered in daily life, often with parts missing to obscure their identity, but with printed labels clearly visible. The adult reader must apply perceptual and reading skills to identify such things as a parking meter, a bottle of glue, and an ice machine.

531 **Level 4 - 6**

MASTERING BASIC READING SKILLS

L. Swinburne et al
Stk-Vn, 2nd ed 1985; *132-140 pp; $6.64 ea*
0-8114-1651-8

A collection of compelling essays and stories with composition, grammar, and comprehension exercises. Special "words you should know" are highlighted and defined. Black and white photos and drawings add interest. The ratio of text to exercises is about 2-1. In each, selections become progressively more difficult. Each title focuses on different reading skills. The strength of this series lies in the quality of the readings which draw the reader into the story. Two more titles exist, but were judged too high a reading level for this collection. Teacher's editions, $6.95, have different ISBN#'s. ALPINE RUN; FREE FALL, 0-8114-1654-2; QUIET FLIGHT, 0-8114-1656-9; WHEELING IT, 0-8114-1653-4; WHITE WATER, 0-8114-1655-0; WIND POWER, 0-8114-1652-6.

532 **Level 1 - 4**

MORE STORIES, Books 1 - 4

C. Blakely, G. Eagle
NRP, 1986; *96 pp ea; $2.25 - $3.25*
0-8833-6926-5

Two or three extra stories for each lesson in Skill Books 1 - 4 of the LAUBACH WAY TO READING, #527. A word list at the end of each book is indexed to page and correlating lesson. Can be used as beginning level reading material separate from the Laubach skill books. Books 2 through 4: 0-8833-6927-3, 0-8833-6929-X, 0-8833-6930-3.

533 **Level 6**

PRE-GED PROGRAM IN READING

Cambr, 1988; *220 pp; $5.25*
0-1311-4265-8
Series: Pre-GED

This teaches reading skills important for the GED: reading for information, interpreting what you read, evaluating what you read, and reading tables, graphs, and diagrams. The coordinated exercise book provides extra practice. A well organized program. Highly recommended. Answer key is in the book. Cambridge Exercise Book in Reading Skills, 0-1311-4273-9, $4.00.

534 **Level 4 - 6**

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT: READING, Books A - C

E. B. Spache, G. D. Spache

Schol, 1987; *224 pp ea; $6.95 ea*
0-5903-4242-8

Designed to teach skills in reading comprehension (details, main idea, and inference), vocabulary (context clues, words with several meanings, and word parts), study skills (interpreting visuals and reference materials), and test-taking. Each new skill is introduced with instruction, followed by lessons, each of which includes a reading selection and questions/exercises. Answers are in a key at the back of the book. The non-fiction reading selections are interesting, and the illustrations are good. Very good for the higher level literacy, ABE, or pre-GED student. Book B, 0-5903-4244-4; Book C, 0-5903-4246-0. Teaching guide for each book, $21.95, Book A, 0-5903-4243-6; Book B, 0-5903-4245-2; Book C, 0-5903-4247-X.

535 **Level 7**

REACT INTERACT: SITUATIONS FOR COMMUNICATION

D. R. H. Byrd, I. Clemente-Cabetas

Rgnts, 1980; *144 pp; $8.25*
0-8834-5412-2

Twenty-two situations to stimulate communication. Each selection is followed by questions, only a few of which have "right" answers (answers to these are in the back of the book). Though this is interesting for the learner working alone, it would be more so when shared with others. Intended for foreign speakers.

536 **Level 5**

READ AND REASON

P. C. Berg, F. Crawford

Schol, 1979; *80 pp; $3.95*
0-5903-0597-2
Series: Scope Skills

Valuable enrichment material. Forty-nine true stories plus "reading skill hints" written at an intermediate level. Each true tale offers three brief multiple choice questions which identify the author's purpose, help to recognize false information, and build vocabulary. A few interesting black and white photos. Teaching Guide, $2.95.

537 **Level 0 - 4**

READ CARD PROGRAM

ICT, 1976; *various*

Using the sets of cards and the Vu-Mate hand-held tachistoscope, a student can acquire a basic sight vocabulary relevant to his age and life experience. Each card introduces new words, provides a short reading selection, and allows the student to test his ability to recognize words rapidly through the use of the mechanically operated tachistoscope, which exposes each word for 1/25th of a second. Also available is a set of 100 blank cards ($15.00) on which a tutor can print or type words for use in the

Vu-Mate. Cassettes, an integral part of the program, are recorded with cue-stop signals. The ICT Auto Stop cassette player responds to these signals by stopping for a student's response. Twelve sets of READ cards on four skill levels (Hi-R 1-10 through Hi-C 21-30) $8.00; Vu-Mate, $20.00; Teacher's Guide for READ Card Program, $3.00; Auto-Stop Cassette Player, $149.00.

538 **Level 5**

READ, RECALL, REFLECT

P. Berg, F. Crawford

Schol, 1979; *80 pp; $3.95*
1-5903-0595-6
Series: Scope Skills

True, attention-grabbing stories are used to drill the student in the skills of reading and understanding short articles. Paperback, with many black-and-white photos and drawings. Can be used alone or with assistance from tutor. Teacher's Guide, $2.95.

540 **Level 6**

READING COMPETENCE

I. M. Reiter, S. Royce

Globe, 1977; *186 pp; $7.95*
0-8706-5411-X
Series: Reading for Survival

A worktext which combines the teaching of reading skills with the teaching of survival skills; covers subject matter which is practical and essential. An index of reading skills and one of coping skills add to the usefulness of this title, which is more beneficially used with the assistance of a tutor. Answer key, $1.55.

541 **Level 7**

READING EFFICIENCY

N. Shapiro

Schol, 1979; *95 pp; $3.95*
0-5903-0470-4
Series: Scope Skills

Written to improve reading comprehension through the strengthening of such skills as focusing, flexibility, skimming, and breaking bad reading habits, this worktext can be enjoyed by the more advanced adult new reader. Teaching Guide, $2.95.

542 **Level 7**

READING IMPROVEMENT

B. Burke, I.M. Reiter

Globe, 1977; *184 pp; $7.95*
0-8706-5413-6
Series: Reading for Survival

Life skills are used as a vehicle for the teaching of more advanced reading skills. Like READING COMPETENCE, #540, this includes reading and survival skills. Answer Key, $1.55.

☞ **544** **Level 5**

READINGS IN CULTURAL LITERACY

S. Margulies, C. E. Crowell

EdDsgn, 1989; *155 pp; $6.75*
0-8769-4320-2

From the Achilles heel myth to DNA's discovery, this covers an immense range of brief facts, things "everyone should know." (This is an issue for adults reading at low levels, without benefit of "common knowledge.") Boldfaced key words and names, defined and spelled phonetically, appear in margins. Good questions; a useful index; a unique approach.

545 Level 6

SIGNS AROUND TOWN

C. Greatsinger

Peoples, 1976; *62 pp; $3.75*

0-8833-6442-5

Series: Practice in Survival Reading

Twenty-five signs are pictured, with questions about content and interpretation accompanying them. Includes answers and a vocabulary list.

546 Level 4 - 7

SPOTLIGHT ON LITERATURE

B. Goodman

AmSch, 1987; *96 pp ea; $5.60 ea*

0-3940-4276-X

A delightful series which uses well known short stories, essays, and poems to teach reading skills and an understanding of such literary devices as allusion, flashback, personification, and viewpoint. The selections, increasing in difficulty from Collections 1 to 6, are well adapted from the originals and maintain style and flavor. Particularly useful for those beginning study toward the GED exam, but will be enjoyed by other adult readers as well. Collection 2, 0-3940-4277-8; Collection 3, 0-3940-4280-8; Collection 4, 0-3940-4286-7; Collection 5, 0-3940-4287-5; Collection 6, 0-3940-4288-3. Teacher's guide for series, with answers, 0-3940-0407-4, $4.50.

547 Level 4

STEPS TO LEARNING, Books 1 and 2

Stk-Vn, 2nd ed 1979; *64 pp ea; $5.32 ea*

0-8114-0698-9

Possibly an interesting supplement to the Laubach materials, these two workbooks offer practice in a variety of reading and basic math skills. Though the format is like a school workbook, the subjects are adult, i.e., saving money in a bank, driving a taxi, saving for a washer. The reading level seems much lower than 4. The print is large, sentences are short, and the exercises and pictures occupy large amounts of space. Illustrations could be improved to be more current and eye catching. A very general reading, writing, competency text. Book 2, 0-8114-0699-7.

☞ 549 Level 5

TIMED READINGS

E. Spargo

Jmstn, 3rd ed 1989; *114 pp; $7.00*

0-8906-1503-9

One of many "mixed bag" type readers offering fifty 400-word articles on a variety of topics, all nonfiction, one-paged and usually interesting. Aimed at any intermediate level reader (adult or not) seeking to build speed and comprehension. Ten questions, dealing with recalling and understanding, follow each article. This is Book One. Books Two through Ten are available on higher reading levels (4 - 13).

☞ 550 **Level 6**

TIMED READINGS IN LITERATURE

E. Spargo

Jmstn, 1989; *114 pp; $5.25*
0-8906-1514-4

In a clear, understandable format, this exposes students to 50 one-page excerpts from great literature while emphasizing reading speed. Comprehension building follows with one page of multiple choice questions. Includes Jack London, Charlotte Bronte, Rudyard Kipling, Jules Verne. Includes an answer key. This is Book One of a series. Books Two through Nine gradually increase in difficulty and reading level.

551 **Level 3 - 6**

TROUBLESHOOTERS 1, 2

J. Weinberg

H-M, 1979,1980; *60 pp ea; $5.73 ea*
0-3952-02930

Troubleshooter 1 thoroughly reviews basic skills: consonant sounds, sentences, punctuation, spelling. Of Troubleshooter 2, the only titles appropriate for this collection are the vocabulary and reading comprehension books, Books 2 and 4. They offer clear introductions and emphasize reading from context, not vocabulary lists. Teachers editions and answer books available. Troubleshooter 2, Book 2, 0-3952-7902-X, Book 4, 0-3952-7900-3.

552 **Level 3**

VISUAL VOCABULARY SKILLS

Gallaudet, 1986; *128 pp; $9.90*
0-9303-2321-1

These are uncaptioned black and white photographs of common objects. A separate sheet provides suggested answers, allowing flexibility to adapt to regional differences in the names of objects and to differences in individuals' perceptions. Intended to develop vocabulary skills in deaf adults, the workbooks are equally useful tools for other adult learners.

553 **Level 7**

VOCABULARY IMPROVEMENT

S. L. Belshaw, M. E. Goodman

Schol, 1980; *80 pp; $3.95*
0-5903-0043-1
Series: Scope Skills

A workbook which teaches vocabulary building skills using reading materials found in everyday life. Attractively illustrated and laid out. No answers are in the book, but a glossary of all the vocabulary words necessary to answer the questions is included. Teaching Guide, $2.95.

554 **Level 4 - 7+**

WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY

D.G. Guralnik

MCP, rev 1989; *880 pp; $19.95*

0-8136-1997-1

Intended for grades three through eight, the dictionary's context sentences, the 1600 illustrations, usage notes, and pronunciation key on each page make this a particularly useful dictionary for the adult new reader. Developed for Prentice-Hall by the permanent dictionary staff of Simon and Schuster, this Basic School Edition boasts 50,000 entries and a "How to Use Your Dictionary" section. Hardback. Accompanying workbook exploring language with the dictionary is available at levels A-D 3.5-6.0.

555 **Level 5 - 7+**

WORLD OF VOCABULARY, Books 1 - 5

S. J. Rauch et al

Globe, 1984; *$5.95 ea*

0-8706-5431-4

Despite the references to "teacher" and "extra credit," these are excellent workbooks which introduce vocabulary words in a non-fiction story. With each passage exercises reinforce retention. A mini-dictionary is at the end of each volume. Attractively illustrated and non-threatening in appearance. Answers are in the teaching guides, $1.55 ea. Book 2, 0-8706-5432-2; Book 3, 0-8706-5433-0; Book 4, 0-8706-5434-9; Book 5, 0-8706-5435-7.

556 **Level 7**

YOUR DAILY PAPER

W. Stein

Peoples, 1977; *63 pp; $3.75*

0-8833-6466-2

Series: Practice in Survival Reading

Practice in reading the newspaper, with reproductions of newspaper pages and pertinent questions. Includes skills needed to scan headlines, use the index, understand editorial cartoons, read sports scores and standings, and decipher the TV schedule.

Writing & Grammar (400)

557 **Level 5**

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN WRITING, Books 1, 2

Contemp, 1982; *147 pp; $5.50 ea*

0-8052-5880-3

Series: Building Basic Skills

As study aids toward the GED exam, these books have some flaws: they are too grammar (rather than usage) based; they do not concentrate on nor give enough practice in particularly troublesome areas; they include information on aspects of language skills not necessary for the GED. They are, however, written evenly, at a low level, and are a good introduction to grammar and writing. Book 1 covers sentence structure and parts of speech. Book 2 continues instruction in building sentences and includes information on punctuation, style, spelling, and forms and letters. Book 2, 0-8052-5841-2.

558 **Level 5**

CAPITALIZATION AND PUNCTUATION MAKE SENSE

A. G. Clarke, M. B. Clarke

Fearon, 1987; *123 pp; $5.49*
0-8224-5102-6
Series: Pacemaker Practical English

An intermediate level review of capitalization and punctuation which offers excellent, amusing examples of real interest to adults. Requires some tutor assistance. Serving as a supplement to the Laubach skillbooks, the tutor can selectively use the exercises (on separate paper) so as not to damage a library copy. Definitely a workbook.

☞ **559** **Level 7+**

EASING INTO ESSAYS

N. Phifer

NRP, 1988; *64 pp; $3.25*
0-8833-6382-8

In a logical, helpful way this introduces the process of writing including brainstorming and rewrites. Specifically targeted at the GED test essay, this includes much blank space and is written at a higher level than usually considered for this collection. Teacher's guide, $3.75.

560 **Level 7**

EVERYDAY READING AND WRITING

F. G. Laubach et al

Peoples, 1979; *272 pp; $6.95*
0-8833-5380-1

Introduces reading, writing, and communications skills important for the understanding and use of signs, instructions, personal and business letters and papers, newspapers, magazines, the telephone, dictionaries, other reference books, and the library. An excellent teacher's guide, 0-8833-4360-7, $3.95.

561 **Level 3**

FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, AND DREAMS WRITING AND CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR ESL AND ABE

F. Reed

NRP, 1987; *31 pp; $2.95*
0-8833-6377-1

Particularly, but not exclusively geared for ESOL students, this is meant to provide starting points for beginning writing. The student needs to read a paragraph and try to answer or respond to a related "thinking question." Students could use another sheet of paper and not use this as a workbook.

562 **Level 6**

FILLING OUT FORMS

W. Stein

NRP, 1979; *47 pp; $4.75*
0-8833-6387-9

An attractive and well laid out text which emphasizes the importance of the ability to complete forms. It teaches this skill using a large variety of sample forms. Teachers guide, 0-8833-6389-5, $1.25.

☞ **563** **Level 7**

FORMS AND APPLICATIONS

S. G. Pasley, D. K. Williams

Cambr, 1988; *74 pp; $3.75*
0-8428-9373-2
Series: Communication Competencies for Adults

A simple, large print explanation of an often difficult hurdle for low level readers: filling out forms. Examples are given and "key words," vocabulary particular to each form, are defined. There is plenty of text and exercises can be done separately.

564 **Level 6**

GRADED EXERCISES IN ENGLISH

R. J. Dixson

Rgnts, rev ed 1987; *200 pp; $7.25*
0-8834-5535-8

Originally intended for foreign speaking students, but revised in recent editions to be a complete grammar text, this is an excellent handbook and review tool for intermediate students. Each rule is presented with examples followed by exercises. A section on "Special Difficulties" is particularly helpful. Some grammatical terms will be difficult for the new reader. Answer Key, on perforated pages, is in the book. Can be used for individualized instruction.

☞ **565** **Level 5**

GRAMMAR WRITE AWAY, Book 1

B. Rubin

Contemp, 1988; *182 pp; $4.25*
0-8092-4807-7

A workbook offering an introduction to basic grammar in the context of writing, not speaking. Organized into short, confidence-building lessons. Includes a beginning diagnostic test, a final test, and answer key. The few pictures and the many examples definitely target adults. There is enough text to make it worthwhile for library purchase. Book 2 is also excellent, but written at too high of a reading level for this collection.

566 **Level 4**

HANDWRITING WORKBOOK: HANDWRITING AND LETTER RECOGNITION PRACTICE FOR LEARNERS OF THE ENGLISH ALPHABET

R. W. Markley

P-H, 1983; *32 pp; $6.75*
0-1338-3647-9

This workbook provides practice in two areas; 1. cursive (and some manuscript) writing, and 2. the recognition of manuscript letters through tracking exercises. Intended for those unfamiliar with the Roman alphabet. It will also be useful for others needing practice, including students with difficulties in perception.

567 **Level 4 - 6**

HOW TO WRITE RIGHT Books 1, 2

E. Segan

Entry, 1986; *62 pp; $4.40 ea*
0-9413-4215-8

It's one thing to learn to write and another to know what to do with this new skill. Book 1 offers ways to use lists and calendars to make personal life easier. Book 2 introduces the new reader to many forms used in everyday life: job applications, bank deposit slips, tax forms, driver's licenses, health insurance. Cartoon-like drawings add humor. One drawback: pages are perforated and designed to be removed. Libraries need to make sure they are not! Book 2, 0-9413-4216-6.

568 **Level 6**

IMPROVING YOUR HANDWRITING

R. M. Townsend

Stk-Vn, 1978; *64 pp; $5.32*
0-8114-0697-0

An excellent workbook for the adult who already knows cursive script but wishes to improve. Instructions on each page, but learners working at lower levels can use the book if assistance is provided.

569 **Level 3**

THE LAUBACH WAY TO CURSIVE WRITING

K. Koschnick

NRP, 1983; *64 pp; $3.00*
0-8833-6909-5

Simplified cursive writing (no 3/4 height letters) taught by example and with a minimum of instruction. Excellent for the beginner. The detailed teacher's guide is $2.50.

570 **Level 5 - 6**

LANGUAGE EXERCISES, Books E, F

M. Y. Grizzard

Stk-Vn, 1990; *95-128 pp; $6.00 ea*
0-8114-4194-6

Pages and pages of exercises on a wide variety of language usage skills for those needing extra practice in the basics. These are supplementary workbooks from which sections may be used as review and reinforcement as needed; it will be especially useful for pre-GED students. Teacher's guide, $2.95 ea Book F, 0-8114-4195-4.

571 **Level 4**

LEARNING OUR LANGUAGE, Book 1

J. Varnado

Stk-Vn, rev ed 1974; *95 pp; $6.00*
0-8114-0386-6

A usage-based (rather than grammar-based) consumable workbook covering such skills as recognizing sentences, using capital letters and punctuation, forming plurals, choosing the correct voices and tenses of verbs, forming contractions, and using negatives. Useful and well done for the low reading level on which it is written. A separate answer key is provided.

572 **Level 3**

LETTERS AND SIGNS ACTIVITY BOOK

S. E. Taylor et al

ICT, 197; *89 pp; $3.00*

Introduces all letters of the alphabet; upper and lower case, and familiar signs. Provides practice in letter recognition and manuscript writing. Illustrated with photos. Additional correlating cards and activity sheets are available.

☞ **573** **Level 6**

PRE-GED WRITING AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

J. M. Mott

Contemp, 1988; *216 pp; $4.95*
0-8092-4898-0

This well planned workbook teaches writing in conjunction with grammar, not in isolation from it. Includes ideas for journal writing and grammar and punctuation in the context of one's own writing. A pretest and posttest clearly help students decide, on their own, which chapters (and topics) need emphasis or review. The answer key allows for self-evaluation but writing assignments require tutor support.

574 **Level 6**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BASIC WRITING SKILLS, LETTERS, AND CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

N. W. Penn, C. M. Starkey

NatlTxbk, 1986; *60 pp; $4.95*
0-8442-5659-6
Series: Essential Life Skills

A clear, sample-filled study guide covering basic grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. These skills are extended for use in personal letters, memos, business letters, and consumer complaints. Exercises, vocabulary lists, and answer key in back.

575 **Level 5 - 7**

WRITE AND READ, Books DA, EA, FA

J. Dawkins

EDL, 1981; *108 - 122 pp; $9.25 ea*
0-0731-9454-X

A set designed to help the student write and punctuate sentences, understand subject/verb agreement, and construct paragraphs. Book DA assumes little prior understanding of grammar, mechanics, or usage. Each volume can be used independently of the others. The format is no-nonsense but attractive; rules are clearly stated and highlighted; there are plenty of examples and practices. Answers are in the books. Teacher's guide for the series, $4.25. EA, 0-0731-9455-7; FA, 0-0731-9456-5.

576 **Level 7**

WRITING TO OTHERS

C. Cook

NRP, rev ed 1978; *48 pp; $4.75*
0-8833-6384-4

A practical guide to personal correspondence including notes and messages, different types of letters, invitations, resumes, and want ads. Teacher's guide, 0-8833-6386-0, $1.25.

See also:

BASIC COMPOSITION, A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH

#719 in For the Tutor section.

Spelling (400)

577 **Level 3**

FOCUS ON PHONICS, Books 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4

G. V. Rice

NRP, 1976-1980; *48 - 64 pp; $2.75 - $4.00*
0-8833-6445-X

Although designed to supplement Skill Books 1 through 4 of the LAUBACH WAY TO READING SERIES, #527, these phonics workbooks are also good teaching tools, and with some modification by the tutor, can be used alone. They are well designed, and the teacher's manuals are very thorough. Book 1 covers the sounds and names of the letters, Book 2a short vowel sounds, Book 2b consonant blends, and Book 3 long vowel sounds, Book 4 various other vowel sounds and consonant spellings. Though they cannot be used by the student independently, they provide excellent spelling practice. Book 2a, 0-8833-6447-6; Book 2b, 0-8833-6449-2; Book 3, 0-8833-6451-4; Book 4, 0-8833-6453-0. Teacher's editions, Book, 1, 0-8833-6496-8, $4.25; Book 2a, 0-88336-448-4, $5.00; Book 2b, 0-8833-6450-6 $5.50; Book 3, 0-8833-64520-2, $3.25; Book 4, 0-8833 6454-9, $7.50.

578 **Level 7**

GATEWAYS TO CORRECT SPELLING

F. C. Ayer

Stk-Vn, 3rd ed 1980; *166 pp; $7.60*
0-8114-4047-8

The first section of this workbook introduces 720 commonly misspelled words. The second section includes syllabication, pronunciation, dictionary use, proofreading, abbreviation, and spelling troublesome words. This is as much a vocabulary builder as it is a speller and is for an advanced student. Six review tests are bound into the back. The teacher's edition 0-8114-4048-6, $6.95, has answers.

579 **Level 5**

INSTANT SPELLING POWER FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

N. Lewis

Amsc, 1976; *248 pp; $12.67*
0-8772-0952-9

Despite its title, this is for the basic learner. Each unit introduces words that follow a particular pattern, and step-by-step—the reader learns to recognize and use the pattern. There is much reinforcement and review. An excellent workbook that attempts to train the eye and mind in spelling techniques. Though the reading level is not constant, most of the book is usable at a fifth grade level.

580 **Level 7**

PROGRAMMED SPELLING DEMONS

G.W. Feinstein

P-H, 2nd ed 1984; *220 pp; $23.4*

0-1372-9211-2 •

Designed for high school students, this easy-to-use manual is also excellent for advanced adult education students who can learn independently. Included is practice with words commonly confused, apostrophes, the final silent "e", doubling the final consonant, and other troublemakers. Humorous examples and spelling gimmicks add interest. A third edition will be out soon.

581 **Level 5**

SPELLING STEPS, Parts 1 - 3

M. H. Bailey

Stk-Vn, rev ed 1984; *80 - 144 pp; $5.32 ea*

0-8114-1069-2

A three-book series that does not assume a high reading level. Part 1 begins with the basics: writing practice, matching letters, and consonant sounds. Each step builds logically from the preceding one so the learner can use this independently. Words used in the lessons are those necessary in daily living, and the answers for the exercises on each page are given on the following page. Book 2, 0-8114-1070-6; Book 3, 0-8114-1071-4.

See also:

TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 3, SPELLING ACTION

#551, in Reading/Comprehension section.

Students' Writings (400)

☞ **582** **Level 6**

MY STORY

O. Bernard

TorPubl, 198; *27 pp; Canadian $5.00*

0-9206-0102-2

A very simple personal experience story dealing with the trials of being a poor reader and recent immigrant. A few tough words make this reading level deceiving; it is really quite easy.

☞ **583** **Level 6 - 7**

REMEMBERING Book 1, 2

Staff of Women's Program

NRP, 198; *48 - 64 pp; $3.75 ea*

0-8833-6350-X

Very short oral histories (5 - 7 sentences) written by basic literacy students in Philadelphia. Numerous vocabulary, grammar and discussion questions follow. Most stories recount an immigrant or minority theme; experiences of being different and estranged from others. Though a workbook, this is included because it is a valuable tool used to get adult students thinking and, hopefully, writing and sharing their own oral histories. Book 2, 0-8833-6351-8; Teachers Guide, 0-8833-6352-6, $4.25.

584 **Level Varies**

SLICES OF LIFE

J. Cheatham

LexHerald, 1989; *98 pp; Free upon request*

Based on the premise that "everyone has a story to tell" these two newsprint pamphlets offer effective, touching Appalachian experience stories and poetry. Learners viewpoints on literacy/learning, sports/nature, and home/family/community are arranged by reading level. Editing has been limited to mechanical or structural details.

See also:

SPEAKING OUT ON HEALTH

#615 in 600's - Health Section.

VOICES: NEW WRITERS FOR NEW READERS

#703 in the Periodicals Section.

WRITERS INK

#704 in the Periodicals Section.

Mathematics (500)

585 **Level 7**

ARITHMETIC SKILLS WORKTEXT

C. Goozner

Amsco, 2nd ed 1988; *358 pp; $9.07*

0-8772-0263-X

Written as a complete one-year course for the student who has experienced difficulty in learning arithmetic, this large volume is more useful as a handbook for reference and review. The first half of the book covers the fundamentals of arithmetic, including fractions, decimals, percents and word problems. The second half covers practical applications of these fundamentals. Examples, sample solutions, visual techniques, numerous exercises, and an index add to the usefulness of this comprehensive tool. Answer key, $1.30. Only the cover is different from the 1973 edition.

586 **Level 4**

BREAKTHROUGH TO MATH, LEVEL ONE, Books 1 through 6

A. K. U. Tussing

NRP, 1981; *32-64 pp; $3.15 ea*

0-8833-6810-2

A series of slowly paced and easy-to-follow workbooks on arithmetic functions with whole numbers. The pages are clear and uncluttered, and the print is large. The explanations are simple, the examples numerous, and the exercises plentiful. This is arithmetic at its most basic level. The texts assume no previous knowledge, but the presentation is neither juvenile nor condescending. Answers to exercises are on the following page. An excellent series for the beginner and those who have difficulty learning computation skills. Workbook, $3.25; Teacher's Guide, $3.50; Mastery Checkup, $.30; Placement Inventory, $1.00; Student Profile, $.50; Teacher's Directory, $3.75. Book 2, 0-8833-6811-1; Book 3, 0-8833-6812-9; Book 4 0-8833-6813-7; Book 5, 0-8833-6814-5; Book 6, 0-8833-6815-3.

587 **Level 4**

BREAKTHROUGH TO MATH, LEVEL TWO, Books 1 through 6

A. K. U. Tussing

NRP, 1982; *29-80 pp; $3.15 ea*
0-8833-6820-X

For the advanced beginner, this covers fractions, decimals, and percents. Answers are included. Book 2, 0-8833-6821-8; Book 3, 0-8833-6822-6; Book 4, 0-8833-6823-4; Book 5, 0-8833-6824-2; Book 6, 0-8833-6825-0. Teacher's directory, 0-8833 -6847-1, $3.75; Mastery Checkup, Level Two, 0-8833-6826-9, $0.50.

588 **Level 4**

BREAKTHROUGH TO MATH, LEVEL THREE, Books 1 though 5

A. K. U. Tussing

NRP, 1983; *30-64 pp; $3.25 ea*
0-8833-6830-7

The most comprehensive and easiest-to-use introduction to the basics of algebra evaluated in this collection. Even the student (or tutor) with no background in algebra can learn the concepts presented here—incrementally, sequentially, and in simple terms. Answers are included. Teacher's directory, 0-8833-6847-1, $3.75; Mastery Checkup, Level Three, 0-8833-6836-6) $0.30. Book 2, 0-8833-6831-5; Book 3, 0-8833-6832-3; Book 4, 0-8833-6833-1; Book 5, 0-8833-6834-X.

589 **Level 6**

BREAKTHROUGH TO MATH, LEVEL FOUR, Books 1 through 3

A. K. U. Tussing

NRP, 1983; *32-54 pp; $3.25 ea*
0-8833-6840-4

Introduces plane geometry in logical, understandable steps. As in the other workbook sets in this series, the method of instruction is appropriate for the adult basic learner, the format is pleasing, and the answers are in the books. Teacher's directory, 0-8833-847-1, $3.75; Mastery Checkup, Level Four, 0-8833-6846-3, $0.30. Book 2, 0-8833-6841-2; Book 3, 0-8833-6842-0.

590 **Level 5**

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN MATHEMATICS

Contemp, 1981; *226 pp; $5.50*

0-8092-5877-3
Series: Building Basic Skills

A workbook on the pre-GED level which reviews arithmetic functions with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and percents. Ample problem practice, step-by-step instructions, numerous pre- and post-tests, and an accessible reading level make this particularly attractive to the basic learner. Answers (with solutions) are in the book.

591 **Level 7**

PRE-GED PROGRAM IN MATH

B. Schenk

Cambr, 1988; *273 pp; $5.25*
0-1311-3762-X
Series: Pre-GED

Formerly entitled INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICS, two volumes pulled together into one; the content is unchanged. This is for preliminary study toward readiness for the GED math test. It provides much practice and checkups in the same format as the GED. Answers are in the book.

592 **Level 5**

CAMBRIDGE EXERCISE BOOK IN MATH

Cambr, 1988; *$4.00*
0-1311-3770-0

A companion exercise book to #591, this provides still more practice. All four arithmetical functions with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percents are covered, as are charts and graphs. Answers section included.

593 **Level 4 - 7**

ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICS FOR LIFE

M. S. Charuhas et al

Sc,For, 3rd ed 1985; *124-188 p; $4.25 ea*
0-6732-4017-7

A four workbook series which builds skills slowly and logically. Opportunity is provided for learners to apply their new skills to everyday situations. An uncrowded, non-threatening, adult format. The use of two colors of type in sample solutions is helpful. Some unusual features which work well in context are: the teaching of the multiplication and division of whole numbers together, the introduction of decimals before common fractions, and the teaching of the multiplication and division of fractions before addition and subtraction. Answers are in each book. Instructor's guide, instructor's guide, military edition, instructor's guide, corrections edition, are all $3.25. Review, $5.25.

594 **Level 5 - 6**

FIGURE IT OUT, Books 1 - 3

M. C. Wallace

Cambr, 3rd ed 1981; *64, 80, 128 pp; $5.00 ea*
0-8428-2282-8

Book 1 teaches the four basic arithmetic skills using whole numbers, while Book 2 covers fractions, decimals, and percents. Book 3 presents measurement, the metric system, ratio, graphs, elementary algebra, and basic functions of plane geometry. Clear, uncluttered pages with plenty of white space make these volumes very attractive. These are more profitably used with a tutor than by the student alone. For review, rather than for initial learning. Book 2, 0-8428-2284-4; Book 3, 0-8428-2286-0. Unfortunately, the answers are only in the teacher's editions. Instructor's books $6.00 ea; Book 1, 0-8428-2283-6; Book 2, 0-8248-2285-2; Book 3, 0-8428-2287-9.

595 **Level 6**

LIFE SKILLS MATH

D. Mosenfelder

EdDsgn, 1985; *111 pp; $6.25*

0-8769-4152-8

An adult-oriented life skills math workbook covering dollar amounts, money counting, making change, rounding and estimating. Story problems handle practical life situations; sales, cost comparisons, buying cloth, reading graphs. Exercise supplement is $6.25, 112 pp.

596 **Level 5 - 7**

MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING

N. B. Bryant, L. Hedgepeth

Stk-Vn, 1985; *96-140 pp; $6.25 ea*

0-8114-1513-9

This four-part series is a self-paced programmed learning approach to mathematics. It covers steps carefully, and provides plenty of practice. Each chapter concludes with an exercise relating mathematical skills to common adult situations. The individual titles are Book 1, FRACTIONS , 0-8114-1513-9; Book 2, DECIMALS AND PERCENT, 0-8114-1514-7; Book 3, MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY, 0-8114-1515-5; Book 4, FUNCTIONAL ALGEBRA, 0-8114-1516-3.

597 **Level 4**

MEASURE UP

C. H. Kahn et al

Fearon, 1968; *60 pp; $4.20*

0-8224-4460-7

Series: Pacemaker Coping Skills

Intended for special education students but useful for others, this book on linear measurement in feet and inches is detailed and repetitive, with many exercises, some of which are quite challenging and enjoyable. Pages are, unfortunately, perforated, which will limit the number of circulations. Teacher's guide with answer key, free.

598 **Level 7**

NUMBER POWER, 1 - 6

J. Howett

Contemp, 1976; *138-170 pp; $4.95 ea*

0-8092-8011-6

With step-by-step directions, easily understood examples and plentiful practice problems, these books develop basic skills with whole numbers. One only wishes this excellent book were written at a lower reading level. Titles include

POWER 1, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division; POWER 2, Fractions, Decimals, Percents, 0-8092-8010-8; POWER 3, Algebra, 0-8092-5714-9; POWER 4, Geometry 0-8092-5583-9; POWER 5, Graphs, Tables, Schedules, Maps, 0-8092-5644-4; POWER 6, Word Problems, 0-8092-4750-5.

599 **Level 7**

PRACTICAL MATH, Book 1

H. L. Watkins

Stk-Vn, 1982; *140 pp; $6.64*

0-8114-0998-8

A good review of adult basic math and its practical applications. A well organized refresher course on the basic arithmetical functions with whole numbers, decimals, and percents; this is not as useful for initial teaching. Answers in the book.

600 **Level 4**

STEPS TO MATHEMATICS Books 1 and 2

Stk-Vn, 2nd ed 1980; *$5.32 ea*

0-8114-0772-1

An introduction to counting, basic arithmetical functions, and simple word problems for the adult student at a very beginning level in mathematics. Book 2, 0-8114-0774-8.

601 **Level 6**

TIME AND TELLING TIME

B. M. Wiley

Fearon, 1967; *44 pp; $4.20*

0-8224-6950-2

Series: Pacemaker Coping Skills

A practical workbook fully explaining time and clocks including Roman numerals. Dated, since there is no mention of digital clocks, but still a good basic explanation. Isn't it time for a revision?

602 **Level 4 - 6**

WORKING WITH NUMBERS, LEVELS C, D, AND E

J. T. Shea

Stk-Vn, 2nd ed 1980; *122 pp ea; $6.64 ea*

0-8114-4235-7

Workbooks, Numbers 3, 4, and 5 of an 8-book series. These are self-guided, adult, "brush-up" tools. The large print and appropriate space for figuring add to their usefulness. Level C, The Triangle Book is clearly on a beginning level, i.e., only one, two, or three place numbers are used for most functions. Level D, The Rectangle Book, slowly becomes more advanced and introduces multiplication of numbers 5-9. Multiplication of 2 and 3 place numbers is covered separately. Level E, The Pentagon Book, reviews previously covered skills. It also introduces fractions and decimals and covers their addition and subtraction. Teacher's guide is $2.95 for each

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level, and includes answers. Separate answer key. Level D, 0-8114-4236-5; Level E, 0-8114-4237-3. Three higher level titles exist in the series.

603 **Level 4**

USING DOLLARS AND SENSE

J. B. Hanna, C. H. Kahn

Fearon, 3rd ed 1983; *112 pp; $5.40*

0-8224-7186-8

Series: Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic

Offers practice in the recognition of U.S. coins and bills and in using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in figuring costs, making change, and getting the most for your money. Teacher's guide included.

Health and Safety (600)

★ **604** **Level 4**

THE CHILDBEARING YEAR

B. B. Holstein

NRP, 1990; *110 pp; $5.50*

0-8833-6567-7

In a supportive tone, this illustrated guide to pregnancy and childbirth addresses the concerns and questions which many women have, but may not always ask. Good anatomical drawings. Newborn care is covered in the last section. An appendix explains the fertilization process and offers information on contraception. A useful glossary and index completes a very well done manual which can be used without tutor support.

605 **Level 3**

THE COLD BLOODED KILLER

R. Keller

LCAlaska, 1977; *21 pp; 1.50*

Though intended for Alaskans, this booklet clearly presents basic information on staying safely outdoors in low temperatures. The Alaska slant just makes it more interesting to read! Black and white drawings, homemade appearance; a workbook is available for $1.50.

★ **606** **Level 5**

THE FACTS ABOUT AIDS

M. Turck

Crstwd, 1988; *48 pp; $10.95*

0-8968-6412-X

Though more difficult and involved than WHAT IS AIDS, #619, with a text aimed at children, this understandably explains the disease and efforts to combat it. A very professional production which includes color photos.

★ **607** **Level 5**

THE FACTS ABOUT TEEN PREGNANCY

J. E. Guernsey

Crstwd, 1989; *48 pp; $10.95*

0-8968-6435-9

Rationally discusses a whole range of issues surrounding teen pregnancy: choices, problems, sources of information, and the use of birth control. Includes a useful indexed glossary.

608 **Level 5**

FAMILY PLANNING

Cambr, 1980; *64 pp; $4.50*
0-8428-2332-8
Series: Follett Coping Skills

Human reproduction and the prevention of pregnancy are explained here as well as a brief chapter on reactions to an unplanned pregnancy. Infertility and fertility counseling are not covered. Though not without flaws, this is thorough in its coverage of contraceptive methods and is easy to understand. Teacher's guide, 0-8420-2344-1, $1.50.

★ **609** **Level 5**

HEALTH

S. Royce et al
Fearon, 1989; *62 pp; $3.84*
0-8224-2213-1
Series: AblestPlus

With an emphasis on taking control, this covers some basic tenets of health preservation, facing illness, preventing accidents, and avoiding harmful drugs. This stresses vocabulary and includes effective photos on almost every page.

610 **Level 7**

FIRST AID AND HOME SAFETY

T. Napoli
Fearon, 1985; *60 pp; $4.50*
0-8224-4366-X
Series: A LifeSchool Worktext

In an informative, interesting way, this covers wounds, shock, CPR, poisoning, burns, weather injuries and fire safety. Chapters begin with a short story illustrating why the upcoming information could be important; words to learn are highlighted and defined. While short exercises appear after each chapter, answers are easily found in the back of the book. Stresses what to do, and what not to do in an emergency.

611 **Level 7**

FOOD AND FITNESS

M. Snowman
Peoples, 1986; *94 pp; $4.25*
0-8833-6547-2

A basic nutrition text that addresses some contemporary issues: eating disorders, osteoporesis, sports and nutrition, food quackery, as well as the expected topics: i. e. vitamins, minerals and calories. Well presented with charts and black and white photos. This could be useful to teenagers as well as adult new readers. Workbook, 0-8833-6548-0, $3.25.

612 **Level 4**

GETTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Cambr, 1977; *63 pp; $4.00*
0-8428-2326-3
Series: Follett Coping Skills

This compares different ways in which medical care is available (private physician, clinic, emergency room etc.). Also, information on understanding forms and on specialized medical agencies is offered. Teacher's guide, 0-8428-2322-0, $1.50.

613 **Level 4**

HELP THE CHOKING PERSON

M. Clark

Janesville, 1984; *5 pp; $0.50*

A very simply written, illustrated leaflet describing, but never mentioning, the Heimlich maneuver. Could be a vital life-saving tool for a student and his family.

614 **Level 5**

HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH

N. R. Day

Peoples, 1980; *80 pp; $3.75*

0-8833-6540-5

A home reference book on health habits: exercise, dealing with stress and change, working with a doctor, recognizing and treating illness at home, first aid, and understanding medications. Excellent for the general collection as well as for a new reader. Workbook, 0-8833-6542-1, $2.95.

615 **Level 5**

SPEAKING OUT ON HEALTH, AN ANTHOLOGY

Students of LVNYC

LVNYC, 1989; *55 pp; $2.95*

0-9296-3105-6

Series: New Writers' Voices

In response to a need for good low level material, this tutor/student committee identified "everyday experiences," especially health, to be of prime interest to their potential readers. Thus, this collection of 13 stories by new writers who faced problems, got help, and didn't give up. A very sophisticated paperback format.

616 **Level 6**

STAYING HEALTHY

E. Fox

Fearon, 1985; *60 pp; $4.50*

0-8224-4364-4

Series: LifeSchool Worktext

A health prevention focus emphasizes the individual's power to control his or her own health. Includes a discussion of diet, weight control, exercise, grooming, smoking and drugs, as well as two interesting chapters on controlling anxiety and developing good attitudes. Like others in this series, each chapter includes a personal story, then text, then brief exercises and charts. Decent illustrations complement the text.

617 **Level 4**

THIS IS YOUR BODY

J. B. Olsen

Peoples, 1976; *64 pp; $3.75*

0-8833-6537-5

Provides information about body systems and how they work, illustrated with drawings reproduced from other publications. Though some of the illustrations could have been clearer, this is nonetheless a very good introduction to human anatomy. Workbook, 0-8833-6546-4, $2.75.

618 **Level 4**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEART

E. Stevenson, R. Tichy

P: L, 1986; *52 pp; $2.00*

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

This describes heart function and then details problems associated with the heart: high blood pressure, stroke, and obesity. The final 10 pages deal with steps necessary to prevent or control heart disease: diet, exercise, salt reduction. Especially useful because this emphasizes the prevention and control of high blood pressure and heart disease, a fairly widespread adult health problem. The helpful diagrams and drawings are professionally done.

619 **Level 5**

WHAT IS AIDS?

R. Tichy

P:L, 1988; *32 pp; $2.00*

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

A complete and clear presentation about what AIDS is, how it is spread, and what different people in various situations can do to protect themselves. "New words," defined on the page where they appear, also are listed at the end.

620 **Level 5**

YOUR BODY IN HEALTH AND SICKNESS

M. T. Coughlin

Sc,For, 1982; *64 pp; $3.45*

0-6732-4144-9

Series: Adult Readers Library

Descriptions of body systems, including some discussion of the malfunctions or ailments that can affect each system. Includes some technical vocabulary, with difficult words written phonetically at the end of each chapter. Many diagrams.

621 **Level 5**

YOU CAN BE FREE

G. NiCarthy, S. Davidson

Seal, 1989; *113 pp; $6.95*

0-9311-8868-7

In a very personal way, this informs women who may be abused. Helping the reader to examine her own situation, this clarifies a difference between a pattern of abuse and control, and occasional anger and overcontrol which may occur in an otherwise good relationship. Offers practical advice with a hotline number, names of shelters and avenues for change. Personal accounts, in boldface, contain some graphic language.

622 **Level 5**

YOU CAN GIVE FIRST AID

F. M. Bontrager

NRP, 1979; *32 pp; $2.75*

0-8833-6550-2

A concise and reliable manual of basic first aid techniques, including the Heimlich maneuver but excluding CPR. Teachers guide, $4.25.

Consumer Info, Homemaking, Coping (600)

623 **Level 6**

ADVERTISING TECHNIQUES, CONSUMER FRAUD

N. Sellers for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory

Glencoe, 1980; *108 pp; $14.97*
0-0704-7308-0
Series: Lifeworks

Actually two titles in one binding, this book contains information on how to sort promises from facts in advertisements, as well as on how to avoid or report fraudulent consumer practices. Check-ups and activities are included; answers are in the book! A thorough presentation; an important topic.

624 **Level 4**

BE AD-WISE: A GUIDE TO READING ADS

J. Canario

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-9155-1054-5
Series: Money Matters

A guide to shopping effectively by using ads. This helps the reader to sift important information from ads and to compare information on similar products. Includes sections on using coupons and interpreting ads for mail order products. Free teacher's manual with answer key.

625 **Level 5**

BE CREDIT WISE: A GUIDE TO CREDIT

E. Bruton

Janus, 1984; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2017-6
Series: Money Matters

This book covers lay-away plans, installment buying, and charge accounts and provides some information on "easy" credit and building a good credit rating.

626 **Level 7**

BECOMING A CAR OWNER

W. Stein

Peoples, 1976; *80 pp; $4.95*
0-8833-5456-5

Covers decisions facing a prospective car owner, whether shopping for a new or used vehicle. Includes information on testing the automobile, financing, insurance, registration and licensing, warranties, and service. Recommended for general collections as well as those especially for the new reader.

627 **Level 5**

BUDGETING

Cambr, 1977; *63 pp; $4.50*
0-8428-2327-1
Series: Follett Coping Skills

A compact, thorough, and practical guide. Numerous examples aid in comprehension, and exercises provide plenty of opportunity for practice. Answers in the book. Teacher's guide, 0-8428-2323-9, $1.75.

628 Level 6

BUYING A HOUSE and BUYING A MOBILE HOME

L. Pickens for the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory

Glencoe, 1980; *124 pp; $14.97*
0-0704-7302-1
Series: Lifeworks

This book, two titles in one binding, provides a thorough and interesting presentation. The text is realistic about the difficulties of purchasing a home today, including a section on the pros and cons of assuming a mortgage. The second half will interest suburban and rural readers for whom a mobile home provides an affordable alternative to the expense of a house.

629 Level 7

BUYING AND CARING FOR YOUR CAR and INSURANCE FOR YOUR LIFE, HEALTH, AND POSSESSIONS

N. Sellers for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory

Glencoe, 1980; *156 pp; $14.97*
0-0704-7307-2
Series: Lifeworks

The first half is a good general introduction to its subject, a subject also well covered in other titles in this section. The second section, insurance, provides more in-depth coverage than do the other two titles on insurance in this bibliography.

630 Level 3

BUYING FOOD, SAVING MONEY, a 5 book series

R. Tichy

P: L, rev ed 1983; *46 - 66 pp ea; $2.00 ea*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

This series - written by a dietician who is also a literacy tutor - explains how to purchase, store, and use tasty, nutritious, and economical foods. Tips are given on reading labels, comparing unit prices, using substitutes, comparing different forms of the same food, using food stamps, shopping for sale items and more. The five books in the series are: Smart Shopping; Cereals and Breads; Fruits and Vegetables; Meat; and Milk, Cheese and Yogurt.

631 Level 4

BUYING WITH SENSE

C.L. King

Fearon, 2nd ed 1989; *154 pp; $5.55*
0-8224-1192-X
Series: Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic

Basic consumer mathematics taught through the ongoing story of a young couple's decisions on money management, job searching, and apartment hunting. Pre-tests, vocabulary aids, exercises, and checkups add to this volume's usefulness. Numerous illustrations. A teachers' guide and answer book are free. A new cover and updated incomes and prices are the only changes made from the 1980 edition.

632 Level 4
CAR CARE
R. Tichy
P: L, 1984; *60 pp; $2.00*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

Info useful to anyone owning a car, this reviews various auto systems and introduces vocabulary. It takes the reader through every maintenance task. Each chapter ends with a quick review of tasks completed. A car care chart at the end serves as a grand review.

633 Level 4
CARING FOR YOUR CAR
R. Grebel, P. Pogrund
Janus, 1981; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-9155-1059-6
Series: On Your Own

Although not as thorough as MAINTAINING YOUR CAR, #642, this is a very eye-appealing, nonthreatening, and easy-to-read manual. For example, it includes a clear explanation, with diagrams, of how to pump your own gas. Includes numerous illustrations and a teachers manual with an answer key.

634 Level 7+
CHECKING ACCOUNT
D. M. Finn
Fearon, 1983; *71 pp; $4.95*
0-8224-1363-9
Series: Pacemaker Coping Skills

Ned learns to open and maintain a checking account in this clearly written, detailed workbook with plenty of opportunity for practice. This is written at a higher reading level and has more reading, but more information than PAY BY CHECK, #650. Answers are in the back of the book.

635 Level 5
CONSUMER SKILLS
M. Elbaum, A. Feldman
Fearon, 1985; *59 pp; $4.50*
0-8224-4367-8
Series: LifeSchool Worktext

A survey of smart shopping: groceries, clothes, furniture, appliances, and credit. Each chapter begins with a short story about people who are about to make a consumer decision; text and brief exercises follow. "Words to learn" are in boldface and are highlighted in the margins. Though not as complete as the Steck-Vaughn Buying Guides this seems more timely. For example, VCR's are discussed.

636 Level 6
FINDING A GOOD USED CAR
W. Fletcher, P. Kelly
Janus, 1977; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-9155-1019-7
Series: Janus Survival Guides

The text, accompanied by diagrams, checklists, and exercises is useful and thorough. An excellent guide to understanding how a car works as well as evaluating a used vehicle. Teacher's manual included.

637 **Level 5**

FINDING HOUSING

Cambr, 1981; *64 pp; $4.50*
0-8428-2333-6
Series: Follett Coping Skills

A practical and succinct introduction to the decisions and activities involved in renting or buying housing. Includes glossaries and exercises.

638 **Level 6**

GOING OUT/GETTING AROUND

R. R. Robinson, J. L. Ruderman

Globe, 1979; *103 pp; $5.35*
0-8706-5947-2

Divided into four units (going to the ball game, dining out, taking a car trip, and visiting a big city), this teaches such survival skills as ordering tickets, finding a seat in a stadium, making a reservation at a restaurant, ordering from a menu, planning a vacation route, and reading a timetable. The print is small but the format, spacing, and illustration is very effective. This is particularly interesting because it covers skills not covered elsewhere. Teacher's manual, $1.95.

639 **Level 5**

INSURE YOURSELF: A GUIDE TO INSURANCE

S. Snyder

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2016-8
Series: Money Matters

An introduction to insurance for your car, house, possessions, and life. Includes: deciding where to buy insurance, keeping costs down, and planning an insurance program. This provides a general overview rather than in-depth coverage.

640 **Level 5**

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: A GUIDE TO CONSUMER PROTECTION

M. B. Hernandez

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2018-4
Series: Money Matters

A guide to understanding consumer rights and getting consumer-related help - from a store or manufacturer, by using consumer advocacy agencies, or through the small claims court. Includes a section on avoiding consumer problems by making informed decisions and following instructions.

641 **Level 5**

LABEL TALK

C. Greatsinger

Peoples, 1977; *64 pp; $3.75*
0-8833-6443-3
Series: Practice in Survival Reading

Practice exercises in reading labels of description, instruction, and warning from 25 consumer products. A word list and answer key are appended.

642 **Level 5**

MAINTAINING YOUR CAR

J. Oates

Peoples, 1979; *80 pp; $4.95*
0-8833-6457-3

Here are all the basics of automobile care, inside and out, including fairly thorough explanations of a car's various systems. A troubleshooting chart and maintenance schedule are included.

643 **Level 4**

MAKE YOUR MONEY GROW: A GUIDE TO SAVINGS PLANS

M. Beshers

Janus, 1983; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-8810-2105-X
Series: Money Matters

Offers guidance on choosing a bank, opening a savings account, and reading bank statements. Also covers other places to save, such as savings and loan associations and credit unions, and other types of savings plans, such as Christmas clubs and certificates of deposit.

☞ **644** **Level 7**

MONEY

S. Royce

Fearon, 1989; *63 pp; $3.84*
0-8224-2214-X
Series: Ablest Plus

The concept of money and its possible uses to provide housing, transportation, and food is covered in a very basic way. Emphasizes the necessary vocabulary in these subject areas (by highlighting them) and then defines them in a "words to learn" list at the end of each chapter. Very eye-catching photos.

645 **Level 4**

MORE FOOD FOR OUR MONEY: FOOD PLANNING AND BUYING

L. Glaser, M. Thypin

EMC, 1979; *60 pp; $3.95*
0-8843-5602-6
Series: Consumer Education

In a contest to determine who can get the most value for a food dollar, a husband and wife learn about shopping wisely. Practical information in a story which holds interest. Read-along cassette, $10.00

646 **Level 4**

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY: A GUIDE TO COMPARISON SHOPPING

P. P. Gundlach, K. C. Kelsey

Janus, 1981; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-9155-1953-7
Series: Money Matters

A readable, attractive guide to comparing products by such criteria as size, price, durability, and quality according to the needs of individual consumers. Some reference to the sources of product evaluations, particularly for expensive purchases might have added to the usefulness of this text. Teacher's manual with answer key is included.

647 **Level 6**

MOVING ON and GETTING UTILITIES AND SAVING ENERGY

L. Pickens, N. Seller

Glencoe, 1980; *124 pp; $14.97*
0-0704-7303-X
Series: Lifeworks

Contains solid, practical advice on moving a household, from deciding what to move, to choosing a truck or moving company, and packing. Also covers arranging for utility service, paying bills, and using energy wisely. Plentiful exercises and check-ups are an integral part of each section. Answers are included.

648 **Level 4**

OWNING AN AUTOMOBILE

B. Herzog

Cambr, 1982; *64 pp; $4.50*
008248-2345-7
Series: Follett Coping Skills

An excellent guide to buying a car, caring for a car, and calculating expenses. Automobile vocabulary is particularly helpful as are exercises and the answers included. The language and layout is simpler than the others cited on this subject. Teacher's guide, $1.75.

☞ **649** **Level 5**

OWNING A CAR

P. Kelley

Quercus, 1987; *63 pp; $4.45*
0-9129-2540-X

A practical manual explaining car costs, insurance, how a car works, maintenance, emergencies. Wonderful pictures and description of car parts.

650 **Level 4**

PAY BY CHECK: A GUIDE TO CHECKING ACCOUNTS

J. F. Chan

Janus, 1981; *64 pp; $4.95*
0-9155-1052-9
Series: Money Matters

For the adult about to open a first checking account this understandable, well illustrated booklet helps take the mystery out of a process often intimidating to an adult new reader. Teacher's manual with answer key included.

651 **Level 5**

PLANNING MEALS AND SHOPPING

A. A. Weaver

Fearon, 1970; *58 pp; $3.60*
0-8224-5450-5
Series: Young Homemakers at Work

A basic guide to nutrition, meal planning, and food shopping. Designed for the homemaker-to-be but appropriate for any age reader. Exercises are included as is a free teacher's guide.

652 **Level 4**

PUT YOUR MONEY DOWN

L. Glasner, M. Thypin

EMC, 1979; *60 pp; $3.95*
0-8843-6510-7
Series: Consumer Education

When a family of four with an unemployed father needs a new refrigerator, they explore the various ways of obtaining credit. A realistic story. Read-along cassette, $10.00.

653 **Level 5**

STUDYING FOR AN OHIO DRIVER'S LICENSE

C. Jordan, R. Tichy

P: L, 2nd ed 1983; *91 pp; $3.00*

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

A study guide adapted from the DIGEST OF OHIO MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, revised Feb. 1, 1980. This is thorough, understandable, and clearly illustrated. Useful for the prospective driver who intends to take his test orally as well as for those able to tackle the written exam. A welcome addition to adult basic education collections in Ohio libraries. Practice Questions for the Ohio Driver's Test, $2.00, provide a good rehearsal for the test.

654 **Level 5**

TAKING THE WHEEL

W. Stein

Peoples, 1978; *95 pp; $6.75*

0-8833-6455-7

Rules of the road and basic driving skills are presented in some detail at an accessible reading level. Included is an interesting and important driving fitness checkup section.

655 **Level 6**

USING CREDIT AND BANKING SERVICES and UNDERSTANDING INCOME TAX

M. Manduro and L. Pickens

Glencoe, 1980; *156 pp; $14.97*

0-0704-7306-4

Series: Lifeworks

A thorough coverage of both important subjects. The income tax section is complex - and so is the subject - but the material is certainly presented as well as can be expected for the reading level. (Information on this topic is not available elsewhere at this level). Includes glossaries, spot checks, activities, and examples to aid in understanding and answers.

656 **Level 7**

USING TRANSPORTATION

L. Cabasin, ed.

Cambr, 1978; *63 pp; $4.50*

0-8428-2330-1

Series: Follett Coping Skills

A workbook which deals with the reading of signs, street maps, route maps for public transportation, schedules, transfers, and taxi meters. Answers included. Teacher's guide, 0-8248-2343-3, $1.75.

657 **Level 7**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT READING LABELS, DIRECTIONS, AND NEWSPAPERS

N. W. Penn, C. M. Starkey

NatlTxtbk, 1985; *59 pp; $4.95*

0-8442-5665-2

Series: Essential Life Skills

A practical guide to reading labels, following directions on new products, and deciphering the various sections of a newspaper. Clear, well spaced, easy to read, with good examples.

658 **Level 4**

WHEN THINGS DON'T WORK

L. Glasner, M. Thypin

EMC, 1979; *58 pp; $3.95*

0-8843-6504-2

Series: Consumer Education

When his TV breaks down, Gary learns the hard way about the importance of reading the warranty, finding a reputable repair shop, asking for an estimate, and other good consumer practices. Read-along cassette, $10.00.

659 **Level 5**

YOUNG HOMEMAKER'S COOKBOOK

A. A. Weaver

Fearon, 1974; *63 pp; $3.60*

0-8224-7675-4

Series: Young Homemakers at Work

Recipes for the beginning cook, plus a list of cooking terms, notes on measurement, and menu-making charts. Indexed. Free teacher's guide available.

660 **Level 6**

YOU, THE BUYER

N. G. Penn, C. Starkey

Globe, 1980; *120 pp; $5.35*

0-8706-5944-8

A handbook of critical skills for becoming a practical consumer. Chapters cover shopping from the Yellow Pages, display ads, and classified ads, paying with cash, checks, money orders and credit cards; shopping in grocery stores, department stores, and by mail; and understanding consumers' rights. Although there are some omissions which reviewers noticed, i. e. buying generics in grocery stores, shopping in discount stores and outlets, this is, generally, a quality title. Small print but excellent layout and illustration. Includes a teachers guide with answers, $1.55.

661 **Level 6**

YOU AND YOUR MONEY

C. E. Crowell

EdDsgn, 1983; *127 pp; $6.25*

0-8769-4215-X

A brief basic summary, current and to the point. Covers the different ways to pay (cash or check), credit, banking (checking and savings accounts), taking out a loan, realistic budgeting. A summary and review of each chapter appears at the end of the book as well as "mastery tests". A free teachers guide is available.

Parenting (600)

☞ 662 **Level 5**

AS A CHILD GROWS

R. Keller

NRP, 1989; *32 pp; $2.25*

0-8833-6511-1

A previously out-of-print title, newly available and revised, this suggests a gentle approach with sections on child development, discipline, and safety. Specific milestones and what behavior to expect from each age, infancy through age 5, are helpful.

663 **Level 7**

BECOMING A PARENT

G. Hemsoth et al

Glencoe, 1980; *108 pp; $14.97*

0-0706-0911-X

Series: Lifeworks

Good, clear discussions of family planning, pregnancy, and childbirth, including information on prenatal health care and preparing for the arrival of the baby. Also offers some discussion of stepparenting and adoption.

664 **Level 5**

LEARNING GAMES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

I. J. Gordon, J. R. Lally

NRP, 1977; *80 pp; $4.75*

0-8833-6565-0

Simple field-tested games and play activities for parents and their children from 2 to 24 months. Instructions are clear and easy to follow and are enhanced by drawings.

665 **Level 7**

TAKING A LOOK AT DISCIPLINE

C. G. Garman

Contin, 1983; *64 pp; $2.10*

0-8454-2178-6

Subtitled "Practical tips for parents, teachers, and other adults who live and work with children," this book emphasizes patience, understanding, consistency, praise for positive behavior, and firmness. Introductory chapters offer a definition of discipline and thoughts on why children behave the way they do. A very good guide. An attractive format, with one illustrated concept per page. Unfortunately, the reading level varies greatly, from fifth through twelfth grade.

666 **Level 5**

WHAT TO TEACH YOUR CHILD: A HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS OF 4 - 6 YEAR OLDS

E. M. Wile

Contin, rev ed 1990; *64 pp; $2.10*

0-8454-2410-6

A useful and enjoyable compendium of games, exercises, and ideas for teaching large muscle skills, eye-hand coordination, small motor control, self awareness, vocabulary, listening skills, responsibility and independence, and other skills important to further learning and success in school. Ideas are presented one to a page and are well illustrated. A good addition to any collection.

667 **Level 2**

WHEN A BABY IS NEW

R. Keller

NRP, rev ed 1989; *48 pp; $2.45*
0-8833-6517-0

A re-issue of an old title, this introduces the idea of loving parenting, especially promoting patience with a cranky baby. The nicely done soft-looking illustrations echo this gentle theme.

Family Reading (600)

668 **Level 3**

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD TALES

V. Cowsill

NRP, 1990; *32 pp; $7.95*
0-8833-6981-8

A four-book set: LITTLE UGLY DUCK, THE GINGERBREAD BOY and the old LITTLE RED HEN story at easy levels intended for a new reader to read to his child. Two color simple illustrations.

669 **Level 2 - 3**

THE LONG AND SHORT OF MOTHER GOOSE

B.J. Smith

NRP, 1990; *32 pp ea; $4.49 ea*
0-8833-6983-4

In an effort to address the issue of intergenerational literacy, these two slim books offer both phonics practice and material easy to read aloud to children. THE LONG BOOK (A) uses verses which highlight long vowel sounds; THE SHORT BOOK does likewise with short sounds. The author alters Mother Goose slightly and adds a few original verses. As the introductory section for tutors explains, these are best read aloud: in parts, as a chorus, or echo reading. Illustrations are only adequate.

670 **Level 1 - 3**

NEW WAY LEARNING WITH LITERATURE

Stk-Vn, 1989; *24-32 pp; $2.00 ea*
0-8114-2188-6

A variety of illustrated abridged children's stories, previously published elsewhere, bound in slim, large print, color-coded paperback collections. (A very suitable format for a learning-to-read parent and his/her child.) Since the quality and interest level of the stories is uneven, only "write-downs" of classic children's stories, which are such an integral part of our culture, are recommended: THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF, 0-8114-2178-3; THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER, 0-8114-2181-3; GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS, 0-8114-2188-0; THE WIND AND THE SUN, 0-8114-2184-8. Titles considered are from the red, blue, green and orange levels. Also available is THE GINGERBREAD MAN and the LITTLE RED HEN, but the New Readers Press versions were preferred for the purpose of this collection.

☞ 671 **Level 3**

STORIES TO READ TO CHILDREN, Books 1 - 3

G. Foxall et al

P:L, 1989; *21 pp; $1.50*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

An easy retelling of eight children's stories, these provide pronunciation guides, definitions for more difficult words, and very simple drawings. Book One: Rapunzel and Rumpelstilskin; Book Two: King Midas, Puss in Boots, the Goose and the Golden Egg; Book Three: Snow White and Sleeping Beauty. Books 2 and 3, $2.00.

See Also:

FAMILY LITERACY IN ACTION

In the General Readings on Literacy section (Appendix).

☞ FAMILY READING - AN INTERGENERATIONAL APPROACH TO LITERACY

#722 in the For the Tutor Section.

☞ I WISH I COULD READ TO MY CHILD

#724 in the Tutor Section.

Geography, Travel (900)

☞ 672 **Level 7+**

AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH MAPS

Hammond, 1984; *48 pp; $4.95*
0-8437-7435-5

A collection of clear, readable historical maps. A more difficult text includes thumbnail sketches of many U.S. historical landmarks. Adult learners might ignore the tracing exercises.

☞ 673 **Level 7**

GEOGRAPHY

W. Lefkowitz

Fearon, 1989; *121 pp; $5.40*
0-8224-3351-6

Geographic information is integrated with map skills in a clearly written, well illustrated textbook which includes a short atlas and glossary. A teacher's resource binder is $24.99.

674 **Level 7+**

THE INTERMEDIATE WORLD ATLAS

Hammond, 1979; *79 pp; $4.60*
0-8437-7466-5

A collection of topographical maps presented in a manner which is simple but not so simplified as to be useless. An index; gazetteer; and glossary of maps, terms, and abbreviations is included. Once again, a difficult text may be ignored and the maps can be used alone or in conjunction with other reading materials. Teacher's resource book, $4.95.

675 **Level 7**

IT'S ON THE MAP

P. K. Waelder

Peoples, 1978; *64 pp; $3.75*
0-8833-6467-0
Series: Practice in Survival

Reading
This outlines basic map skills. Then twenty-five samples of many types of maps with questions about them are presented. For review and reinforcement, this is not as useful for initial instruction. An important words list and an answer key are appended. Information for the tutor is included.

676 **Level 5**

LET'S VISIT: OHIO ISLANDS

V. T. Hassler

P:L, 1985; *51 pp; $2.00*
Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group
Primarily for local collections, this tour guide for four Lake Erie Islands provides information beyond the obvious; facts about caves, the Battle of Lake Erie, reading a ferry schedule, and following maps and directions. Double check the phone numbers to make sure they're still current.

☞ **677** **Level 4 - 6**

MAPS - GLOBES - GRAPHS, Books 1 - 3

H. Billings

Stk-Vn, 1989; *80 pp; $4.40 ea*
0-8114-2087-6
Although this is an exercise-laden workbook, the thorough explanations of tables, graphs, time zones, grids, directions, legends, and distance are so clear and the color maps are so effective, this is recommended in spite of its format. Book 1 covers States and Regions; Book 2, United States; and Book 3, World. Teacher's manual is $4.95.

678 **Level 5**

OUR UNITED STATES

The editors of New Readers Press

Peoples, 1988; *128; $5.50*
0-8833-6422-0
Completely rewritten and updated for 1988 with new photos, this contains two- page descriptions of each of the states and the territories as well as Washington, D.C. and our "island partners." Many maps and photos. A workbook, totally dependent on the text, is $3.95. Especially useful for ESL students. Teachers guide, $2.00

679 **Level 5**

SUCCESS WITH MAPS: BOOK D

R. Kalusky

Scholastic, 1985; *$3.25*
0-5903-4358-0
Series: Success with Maps
One of a series of colorful map skillbooks graded A-F. "D", chosen for this collection for its reading level and fairly adult illustrations and format. It reinforces and applies the skills and concepts presented in Books A-C. Contains symbols, landforms, scale and distance, grids, longitudes and latitudes, seasons, time zones. This is a workbook but there is enough text to make it worthwhile for libraries. Review exercises. Teachers edition D, 0-5903-4359-0, $5.25.

☞ 680 **Level 6**

TAKING A TRIP

D. K. Williams

Fearon, 1989; *58 pp; $4.20*

0-8224-6748-8

Series: Pacemaker Coping Skills

Though a workbook, which will require some teacher input, this is included since material on such very basic travel coping skills may not be available elsewhere. Topics include: maps, scales of miles, road signs, symbols, schedules, baggage claims, and trip preparation. A separate teacher's guide is free.

681 **Level 6, 7**

WORLD GEOGRAPHY AND YOU

V. Bernstein

Stk-Vn, 1986; *160 pp; $7.00*

0-8114-1589-9

Two straightforward geography workbooks. Book 1 covers the U.S. and Canada, Latin America, and Europe. Book 2, 0-8114-1590-2, covers Africa, Asia, and Australia. Brief, simple exercises follow a discussion of each individual country. Then, a "skillbuilder" section highlights some geographical tools: a resource, relief, or climate map, a line or bar graph, etc. These enrich the information offered in the correlating chapter. Reading level seems lower than the 6 and 7 cited by the Gunning Fog Index. Large print and short sentences. Black and white photos. Hardcover, $19.96.

☞ 682 **Level 7+**

WORLD HISTORY THROUGH MAPS

Hammond, 1984; *63 pp; $4.60*

0-8437-7430-4

The companion to AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH MAPS, #672, this provides the same clear maps. These illustrate the changes in boundaries and population from the Ice Age through the 1960's. Unfortunately, the text is more difficult.

☞ 683 **Level 5**

YOU ARE HERE

S. Martin

NRP, 1990; *80 pp; $4.95*

0-8833-6499-9

An easy to follow map learning workbook, which begins with basic floor plans and becomes more complex with explanations of weather maps, street grids, bus maps, diagrams. Though this cannot be used by a student independently, depicts teenagers, and is a workbook, this fills a gap in the collection.

History (900)

☞ 684 **Level 5 - 6**

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN U.S. HISTORY

Quercus, 1990; *94 pp ea; $5.89 ea*

0-5567-5558-9

Series: Newcomers

While teaching and reinforcing reading skills, this also teaches

U.S. history with an African-American focus. A section of each chapter, "Spotlight on People" focuses on the achievements of prominent blacks during each time period. Volume A, discovery of America through 1877, Volume B, 0-5567-5560-0, 1877 - present. A separate Teacher's Guide is $11.95.

685 **Level 6**

AMERICAN ADVENTURES

S. Jantzen, I. Peck

Scholastic, rev ed 1987; *176 - 224; $12.00 ea*

0-590-34839-X

A most interesting, readable, and attractive two-volume, soft-cover history of the United States. Book 1, "A Nation Develops," and Book 2, "A Nation Grows," are lavishly illustrated in color with maps, photographs, contemporary drawings, paintings, and political cartoons. Available in a one-volume hardcover edition, but the bulk and length of that format make it more intimidating to the adult new reader. Book 2, 0-590-34840-X. A teaching guide for both volumes, $13.50.

686 **Level 5**

ANTHROPOLOGY, THE STORY OF PEOPLE

B. Kerewsky-Halpern

Cambr, 1983; *46 pp; $2.50*

0-842-89613-9

Series:Adult Literacy

An overview with brief specific examples that enliven the explanations of anthropology. Three accounts of current tribal cultures from three continents: the Inuit, Hmong, and Mandinko (from the Arctic, Southeast Asia, and Africa) conclude this slim book. One of the LVA National Endowment for the Humanities collection for the adult new reader.

687 **Level 5 - 7**

HISPANICS IN U.S. HISTORY

Quercus, 1990; *94 pp ea; $5.89 ea*

0-5567-5554-6

Series: Newcomers

A chronological U.S. history in an Hispanic context which also attempts to develop reading skills like vocabulary, inference, and comprehension. A special section, "Spotlight on People," focuses on prominent Hispanic people in each time period. Volume A, through 1865; Volume B, 0-5567-5556-2, 1865 to the present.

688 **Level 6**

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

R. J. Field

Bk-Lab, 1989; *206 pp; $9.95 ea*

0-8759-4330-0

A current simply written piece which fills a gap. Cultural literacy (the issue that students want to know what "everyone else" knows) could be the driving force for reading this text. The photos are wonderful, interesting, and authentic. Volume 1 covers discovery of the New World through the Civil War. Volume 2 deals with Reconstruction through the election of George

Bush. One caution: this is not neutral history. The author does take sides and opposing viewpoints are not always supported. Key words are highlighted and defined in each chapter. Hardcover, $12.95.

689 **Level 3**

THE MAINE FOREST

R. L. Merchant

Cambr, 1983; *24 pp; $2.75*
0-8428-9611-2
Series: Adult Literacy

Word pictures of the plants, animals, and people of the Maine woods. A well-drawn description of one slice of American life.

☞ **690** **Level 4 - 7**

MOMENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

M. Stone

Stk-Vn, 1989; *79 pp ea; $3.20 ea*
0-8114-2025-6

In an inspirational story format, this offers great moments in the great lives of American historical figures, grouped in general and overlapping time zones. Colorful illustrations, a simple unique orientation map, and short units make this especially effective for low level readers. Included is RISKING IT ALL, 1493-1735; REBELLION'S SONG, 1760-1789; CREATIVE DAYS, 1730-1852; RACING TO THE WEST, 1769 1860; YOU DON'T OWN ME!, 1824-1850; CLOUDS OF WAR, 1861-1865; A CRY FOR ACTION, 1866-1905; LARGER THAN LIFE, 1910-1926; FLYING HIGH, 1912-1946; BRIGHTER TOMORROWS, 1947-1984.

☞ **691** **Level 5**

OLD ROCKS AND STONES

F. Jones

FrJones, 1981; *23 pp; $1.45*

In a brief but grabbing style, the study of archaeology is introduced without ever mentioning the word. Tales of prehistoric civilizations including cave painters, pyramid builders and the planners of Stonehenge are explained in this simple homemade pamphlet written in conjunction with Skill Book 3 of the LAUBACH WAY TO READING.

692 **Level 5**

SETTLERS IN AMERICA

B. W. Lowrie, W. Stein

Peoples, 1977; *64 pp; $4.75*
0-8833-6498-0

Descriptions of the characteristics, struggles, and accomplishments of various immigrant groups is described in each chapter. An annotated list of famous persons follows. Excellent photographs add to the quality and readability of the text.

☞ **693** **Level 4**

SECRETS OF TUT'S TOMB AND THE PYRAMIDS

S. A. Reiff

Rntree, 1977; *48 pp; $9.27*
0-8172-2166-2

This provides excellent color photos and facts, unavailable elsewhere at this level, which concern the building of Egypt's pyramids and the discovery of Tut's tomb. The excessive use of exclamation points is distracting.

694 **Level 4**

THESE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS

B. Kerewsky-Helpern

Cambr, 1983; *41 pp; $2.25*
0-8428-9614-7
Series: Adult Literacy

Colorful descriptions of life in the backwoods of Mississippi, Serbia, Laos, and Barbados, drawn from the memories of those who grew up in these cultures.

695 **Level 7**

THE UNITED STATES

D. Hart

Janus, 1988; *124 pp ea; $6.95 ea*
0-8810-7057-5

A complete U.S. history, emphasizing politics, from the first arrivals to the Iran-Contra hearings. Balanced, including the achievements of blacks and women. Effectively illustrated with maps, historical photos and numerous commemorative postage stamps. (The stamps offer another dimension to the text. Reading level is a bit high.) Book 2, 0-8810-2058-3, 250 pp, also $6.95.

696 **Level 7 +**

UNITED STATES HISTORY

S. Lewin, T. Silveira

Fearon, 1986; *91 pp ea; $4.95 ea*
0-8824-7681-9
Series: A Pacemaker Book

Volume 1 covers 1620-1900 and Volume 2, 0-8824-7682-7, covers the Twentieth Century. A readable unbiased text with fair questions that can be answered within the text. Chapters are 4-5 pages long and exercises take up 2 pages. The outstanding authentic photos from the Bettmann Archive are fascinating. Though both volumes need some good maps and the reading level is a little high for the scope of this bibliography, these are still appealing and good texts.

697 **Level 5**

WORLD HISTORY AND YOU

V. Bernstein

Stk-Vn, 1982; *140 pp ea; $4.25*
0-8114-0859-0

A wide-angle overview of world history concentrates on Europe and the United States but does not ignore Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. A list of new words precedes each chapter and questions follow. Answers are in the teacher's guide. Teacher's guide free on request. Book 2, 0-8114-0860-4.

☞ 698 Level 6

WORLD HISTORY, PART 1: PREHISTORIC TIMES THROUGH THE MIDDLE AGES

D. Hart

Janus, 1990; *176 pp; $7.95*
0-8810-2140-7

A useful simple synopsis of major events not only in Europe but in the Far East, and Americas, with stories relating pieces of history with life today. Though the chronology is at times mixed and the coverage is necessarily scanty, this can be valuable. Photos, artistic reproductions, maps, and time lines help add to the interest. (Part 2 will be forthcoming.)

☞ 699 Level 5 - 6

WORLD HISTORY

J. Suter

Fearon, 1989; *151, 185 pp; $5.70 ea*
0-8224-7475-1
Series: Pacemaker

A very general history. THE ICE AGE TO THE RENAISSANCE, Volume 1, covers the Ice Age to the Renaissance in 151 pages and THE AGE OF EXPLORATION TO THE NUCLEAR AGE, Volume 2, 0-8224-7476-X, covers the title subjects in 185 pages of large print. Each chapter is preceded by vocabulary words and questions. A few more details, less "Western Civilization bias," and an index, would all make for a better book. Photos and illustrations are appealing and the many timelines are quite useful.

See also:

HOPES AND DREAMS

Series in the General Fiction section (various item numbers). These describe the immigrant experience in America.

☞ TIMELINES

#717, in the Juvenile Books (Already at the Library) section.

Periodicals

☞ 700 **Level 4**

NEW WORDS DIGEST

D. and L. Penner

NWD, 1988; *52 pp ea; $12.95/yr*

1044-8578

Published quarterly starting in February, 1988, this 52-page magazine offers up-to-date informative, easy-to-read material. Articles concern home and family, health, money, and jobs. The magazine also provides phonetic helps, a new word column, puzzles, and stories. It encourages writing skills by offering readers a chance to submit letters and articles. The ultimate goal of the editors is to get relevant reading materials into non-reading homes and provides free subscriptions by way of a unique sponsoring program.

☞ 701 **Level 4 - 6**

NEWS FOR YOU

NRP, *4-8 pp; 11.04/yr*

0884-3910

A weekly 4-page newspaper of current events, national, and international news stories written well below the level of most newspapers. Although the stories are quite short and greatly simplified, the format and the content of the newspaper is adult. TV and movie reviews, consumer information, cooking, health and fitness articles and a second color are recent improvements. NEWS FOR YOU ADDITION, published once a month, offers an in-depth look at a special topic. Instructor's Aid, supplied free with two or more subscriptions. Focus, a free exercise sheet, accompanies each order.

See also:

☞ A RESOURCE GUIDE TO MAKING THE MOST OF NEWS FOR YOU

#730, in For the Tutor Section.

☞ 702 **Level 4 - 7**

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

LVNYC, 1988; *8-10 pp ea; $6.50 (4 issues)*

1040-662X

This newsletter features critical book reviews of low level books for students as well as literacy practitioners seeking fresh material. Reviews are the opinions of adult literacy students from New York and are written in an interview format. Though this is an exciting, original periodical which encourages the reader to "take charge," it could be improved with the inclusion of reading levels and prices. Also, a prose style, rather than an interview format would be easier for new readers to follow.

☞ 703 **Level 6**

VOICES: NEW WRITERS FOR NEW READERS

L. Weinstein et al

LwrMnlnd, *50-80 pp; Canadian $12.00*

0840-4003

A unique new magazine, published quarterly, which organizes, promotes, and validates new writing done by literacy students across the continent. Advocating active student-centered instruction, its publication invites enthusiasm, confidence, and promise. The editorial board's policy: keep the writer's original manuscript style intact, and help each develop his own personal writing "voice." Each issue is divided into: FIRST WORDS, beginning level; WORK, which offers instructional comments along with the published writing; TRANSITIONS, poetry and prose at a more advanced level; THEORY, submission by teachers; and REVIEWS, book reviews by students. (One criticism: it would be nicer if this section included publisher, price, and ISBN number. Reading level would be even better.) Quality black and white portraits of many contributors make this periodical even more effective.

☞ 704 **Level 5**

WRITERS' INK

StChrisHse, 1981; *43 pp*

Published two-three times per year. With a variety of topics and writers this is an enriching and inspiring example and could be used in a browsing section for students. Learners, tutors, and staff are all involved in every step of this production. Not as sophisticated a format as others listed in this section, though illustrations and print are certainly good enough.

Juvenile Books

Note: These titles are not necessarily in print. They represent examples of books already available in library collections which could be used by adult literacy students and their tutors.

705 Level 6

ANNIE AND THE OLD ONE

M. Miles

Little, Brown & Co., 1971;
44 pp

A Navajo parable about life and time and nature. The weaving of a colorful sunset rug symbolizes life and time, especially the life of Annie's dear grandmother, who sees her time on earth ending when the rug is finished. Sensitive black, white and brown illustrations. Discussible.

706 Level 6

BLACK OUT LOUD, AN ANTHOLOGY OF MODERN POEMS BY BLACK AMERICANS

A. Adoff, editor

MacMillan, 1970; *86 pp*

Sixty seven poems by 38 poets attempt to introduce the reader to the work and feeling of the contemporary black writer. Some are famous; some are not. Many selections are tragic and moving. The poetry is a little shorter and easier to read than Arnoff's, I AM THE DARKER BROTHER.

707 Level 6

A BLUE EYED DAISY

C. Rylant

Bradbury Press, 1985

A collection of short glimpses into the family life of an unemployed coal miner, his timid wife, and their five teenage daughters as seen through the eyes of 11-year-old Ellie. Divided by seasons of the year, the short chapters touch upon poverty, alcoholism, lost dreams and tragic moments. This could be read by adults without much tutor assistance, in parts or in its entirety.

☞ 708 Level 4 - 7

CENTER STAGE

W. Sanford, C. Green

Crestwd, 1986; *32 pp ea; $9.95 ea*
0-8968-6305-4

Though these life stories are "cleaned up" and bound for children they also provide another source of information and inspiration about twelve entertainers using many photos and large print. Among those included in this series are Tina Turner, Stevie Wonder, Julian Lennon, Bruce Springsteen.

709 Level 6

GRANDMA DIDN'T WAVE BACK

R. Blue

Franklin Watts, 1972

Debbie's grandma, who has provided milk and cookies and a friendly wave from the window each day when she returns from school, is losing her memory. In her more lucid moments grandma prepares Debbie to cope with this depressing notion. A child's story that could offer touching reading to an adult.

710 **Level 5**

THE HUNDRED PENNY BOX

S. B. Mathis

Viking, 1975; *47 pp*

One hundred year old great-great-Aunt Dew and Michael become "soul-mates" and try to protect Auntie's battered, loved possessions from mother's cleaning sprees. Especially, her wooden box with 100 pennies, which is the focus of their favorite game: counting the pennies and every year of Aunt Dew's life. Told from a child's point of view, this is a sensitive look at long life. Many sepia and white illustrations enrich the book.

711 **Level 8**

I AM THE DARKER BROTHER

A. Arnoff, editor

MacMillan, 1968; *128 pp*

Sixty four poems by 29 black poets who are not necessarily contemporary. This seeks to make their work visible to whites and relay a "special knowledge" of American life to other blacks who might relate. For the more advanced reader. Brief biographical information is provided for each poet.

712 **Level 4**

J. T.

J. Wagner

Bantam, 1969; *124 pp*

Series: A Yearling Book

J.T., a poor city boy feels unappreciated, alone and lost. That's why he relates so well to the one-eyed injured cat he finds, nurses, and names Bones. J.T.'s life turns around just as he loses his dear cat. A sensitive and Christmasy theme complemented by the black and white photographs of Gordon Parks, Jr. Paperback.

713 **Level 5**

MAGIC LIGHTS AND STREETS OF SHINING JET

D. Saunders

Morrow, 1974

0-688-0065-3

Series: Greenwillow Books

Each of these 60 short poems correlate with a quality color nature photograph. Units are: "Creatures Small," "Weathers and Seasons", "Colours", and "Sea and Shore". Though the subject matter is sweet and innocent and geared for children, this is still a valuable, readable introduction to the works of great poets like Wordsworth, Blake, Longfellow, Joyce.

714 **Level 6**

MARY OF MILE 18

A. Blades

Tundra, 1971; *19 pp*

0-9127-6644-1

Young Mary Fehr lives on Mile 18, in remote British Columbia where life is tough, logs are split for fire and snow is melted for drink and bath. Interesting primitive watercolors are on each page, as is large, readable print. This setting may be beyond the experience of city readers, but many certainly can relate to the hard life focus. Canadian Library Association Book of the Year, 1972. Available in paperback, 0-9127-6644-1.

715 **Level 6**

ON CITY STREETS

N. Larrick, editor

J. B. Lippincott, 1968

An anthology of 80 poems, most no more than a page in length, interspersed with interesting "arty" black and white photos. All attempt to relay some of the poignant aspects of contemporary city life. Provides a nice exposure to the works of Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg, to mention a few. Readable and "down-to-earth." Compiled with the help of 100 inner city youngsters.

716 **Level 7**

SHE WANTED TO READ

E. K. Carruth

Abbington Press, 1966; *80 pp*

The story of Mary McLeod Bethune. Though it tends to ramble, this spirited story about a gutsy woman who "wanted to read," built a college, and even stood up to the KKK. Should be of high interest to adult literacy students.

717 **Level 7**

TIMELINES

J. Duden

Crestwd, 1989; *48 pp ea; $10.95 ea*

0-8968-6

Though this has a children's look to it, this set of slim hardbacks contains a chronology of events for each decade of this century, which could be useful in a discussion group situation or for browsing. Includes sports, news items, popular culture and many photos.

718 **Level 7**

TO HELL WITH DYING

A. Walker

HBJ, 1968; *25 pp; $13.95*

0-1528-9075-0

Exquisitely laid out and illustrated, this is a sensitive childhood remembrance of old Mr. Sweet, an alcoholic who is often near death, only to be revived by loving attention. This lesson of youth: "I need not be perfect to be loved. No one does." could be read and appreciated by adults, and used as a starting point for writing childhood stories.

For The Tutor

☞ 719

BASIC COMPOSITION: A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH

L. Defelice

NRP, 1989; *109 pp; $4.75*
0-8833-6362-3

In a very personal tone, this calls upon the student to explore the process of creating a basic composition. Uses concise explanation and many examples. Includes: the thesis statement, brainstorming, organizing, writing, editing. A final chapter covers common errors in grammar and spelling. A tutor's guidance is required to carry this out and the reading level is high. Teacher's guide is $3.75.

720

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUBS FOR ADULT NEW READERS

N. Oakley

NRP, 1988; *39 pp; $2.25*
0-8833-6090-X

A nuts and bolts "how-to" manual on getting a book discussion group going and keeping it going. Gives specific excerpts, organization tips, and points out some helpful psychological aspects of this task. Appendices include a very useful list of discussion questions, a brief but excellent annotated list of "discussible" books and a condensed list of publishers of materials for adult new readers.

☞ 721

CURRICULUM GUIDE: BOOKS AND METHODS FOR TEACHING ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

M. Buckingham et al

FrLibPhil, 1986; *49 pp; $4.00*

With the GED test as its ultimate goal, this offers a variety of positive teaching tips for teaching reading and writing at an intermediate (5th - 8th grade) level. Describes the use of various specific titles in six subject areas: grammar, literature, history, science, math and GED preparation. Offers a teaching philosophy for adults, and a section on using the library with adult learners.

☞ 722

FAMILY READING — AN INTERGENERATIONAL APPROACH TO LITERACY

E. Goldsmith, R. Handel

NRP, 1990; *112 pp; $6.95*
0-8833-6990-7

A detailed curriculum in 10 units which involves parents and children together in reading, focussing first on the children. Photocopy masters ($39.95) with various reading selections and activities form an integral part of this step-by-step plan. The units, with correlating reading selections for both adults and children, are unique. Training Manual $6.95.

723

GUIDELINES TO TEACHING REMEDIAL READING

L. Pope

Bk-Lab, rev ed 1975; *192 pp; $9.95*

0-8759-4119-2

A thorough handbook on one-on-one tutoring including sections on the reasons some people have difficulty learning to read, relating to the adult student, inventorying student's abilities, and methods of teaching reading.

☞ 724

I WISH I COULD READ TO MY CHILD

V. T. Hassler

P: L, 1986; *49 pp; $2.00*

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group

In an effort to encourage literacy students to routinely read to their children and feel comfortable using a public library, this guide was written for tutors by a former children's librarian. Includes a plan to introduce the books and library as well as provides a carefully screened, categorized list of picture books and primers.

725

I WISH I COULD WRITE! IDEAS FOR INSPIRING NEW WRITERS

J. Barasovska

NRP, 1978; *40 pp; $3.25*

0-8833-6549-9

Twenty-five lesson plans to encourage literacy students to write as a means of expression and of strengthening reading skills. Includes many samples of students' writing. An extension of some of the ideas in "Using Language Experience."

726

IMPROVE YOUR OWN SPELLING

E. W. Johnson

Ad-Wes, 3rd ed 1977; *116 pp; $5.44*

0201-76076-2

Although designed to be used by the student herself, this handy booklet is written at too-high a reading level (9th grade) to be included in the "Reading and Writing" section of this bibliography. It can be used,however, to great effect by a tutor working with a student reading at lower levels. Provides a method for learning how to spell any words a student wants to learn and - for those who benefit by memorizing rules - gives the seven most consistent spelling rules. Also included is a list of the 3000 words most commonly used in writing. This book will be a great help to the tutor of an advanced literacy or ABE level student having difficulty learning how to spell.

☞ 727

IT'S ABOUT LEARNING

M. Forest

Frontier, 1988; *149 pp; Canadian $12.95*

0-9210-3104-1

For literacy tutors, this is useful additional food for thought, offering a feast of ideas and personal examples. The book synthesizes the Frontier College's philosophy: a "student centred" approach to adult learning. It emphasizes little structure, the tutoring process is an "exchange among equals," and the goal of helping students participate more fully in the community. This is inspirational and helpful for tutors to view themselves as catalysts to the process of learning. Also helps recognize the individual potential of the learner. One problem: a totally unstructured learning format is not accepted as the best by those reviewing this!

728

LITSTART

E. Robson et al

MichLit, 2nd ed 1990; *246 pp; $10.95*

A useful handbook, this provides adult literacy issues background, and teaching strategies for reading, writing and phonics. Suggestions for selecting materials, lesson planning and appendices of word lists add to the usefulness of this tutor resource. Though this title could be used without training, it will probably be most useful as an additional resource for tutors already trained and working with adult learners. A "where to start" placement guide comes with the book.

729

PREPARING YOUR OWN ABE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION MATERIALS

G. Rice

Sc,For, 1990; *137 pp; $7.95*
0-6732-4342-7

With an emphasis on adapting everyday materials to meet the special needs and interests of specific learners, this also offers a very good background on tutoring adults. Includes tips on the use of games, tapes, and language experience stories.

730

A RESOURCE GUIDE TO MAKING THE MOST OF NEWS FOR YOU

M. Hutchinson, E. Norton

NRP, 1989; *32 pp; $2.95*
0-8833-6180-9

Newspapers, treasure chests for learning to read, provide short articles that satisfy and give a feeling of completion and being "connected" with the rest of the world. This guidebook "walks the tutor through" New Readers Press' weekly paper for literacy students, NEWS FOR YOU, and helps tutors effectively utilize this paper, as well as any other newspaper.

731

TEACHING ADULTS TO WRITE ESSAYS. A BRIEF GUIDE FOR THE TEACHER OF WRITING

Sc,For, 1986; *44 pp; $4.25*
0-6732-4320-X

This is brimming with ideas and detailed directions on techniques for teaching writing to pre-GED students with reading levels of 5 or 6. Emphasizes structure and positive reinforcement. The ideas included require a major commitment of time and effort and are probably more than the individual tutor and student can implement together. This would be an excellent starting point, however, for an adult new readers' writers group.

732

THE NEW READING TEACHER'S BOOK OF LISTS

E. B. Fry et al
P-H, 1985; *290 pp; $29.95*
0-1361-5543-X

An extensive, interesting, and sometimes amusing information source for the reading teacher in list form. Included are lists of survival words, application form words, book lists, the 1,000 most used words in the English language. Also word families, word origins, study skills, publishers of curriculum materials, even a readability formula. Teaching suggestions for most lists are included. This revised edition is a larger, more "photocopy-able" spiral ring format. Though expensive, this book takes the place of several other titles. Old fashioned black and white drawings break the monotony of the lists.

733

1, 2, 3, READ!

J. H. Dettre
Fearon, 1980; *128 pp; $7.95*
0-8224-5788-1

"Who is Judith Dettre and why did she write this book? What does she know about reading, anyhow?" Thus begins this blunt and opinionated treatise on how to teach that "hard-core" that don't learn to read by traditional methods. This detailed system of instruction makes fascinating reading and provides ideas even for those using more traditional approaches to the teaching of reading.

734

PUT IT IN WRITING! WRITING ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS OF ESL

D. Blot, D. M. Davidson
NewbryHse, 2nd ed 1980; *136 pp; $13.50*
006-632137-9

Chapters on directed or semicontrolled writing, story completion, writing based on thoughts generated by a specific reading, writing dialogues, and writing a story suggested by a photograph. Although the activities are geared toward foreign-speaking, many of the ideas or models can be used to encourage other adult new readers to write.

735

READ ALL ABOUT IT! TUTOR ADULTS WITH THE DAILY NEWSPAPER

V. K. Lawson

LVA, 1984; *87 pp; $5.95*
order # 91060

A thorough guide to the newspaper as a learning resource for adult literacy students. After an introduction to the approach of the book and to the skill of lesson planning, suggested activities are arranged according to sections of the newspaper. An extensive section of sample lesson plans rounds out this useful tool.

736

READING INSTRUCTION FOR THE ADULT ILLITERATE

E. V. Jones

ALA, 1981; *180 pp; $15.00*
0-8389-0317-7

Part 1 provides a profile of the adult illiterate and Part 2 is a detailed program of reading instruction. A lengthy bibliography, unfortunately, not annotated, contains many helpful citations. A well researched and well written textbook. Hardback.

☞ 737

THE RIGHT TO READ

T. Carpenter

Frontier, 1986; *173 pp; Canadian $15.00*
0-9921-0310-9

A guidebook for literacy tutors offering specific creative solutions to problems often encountered when teaching adults. Used alone or as supplementary work, the word games, poetry, math tactics, advice for signs of trouble (to name only a few good ideas) all provide help and psychological support for tutors. While the Frontier College's philosophy of no structure is highlighted, the ideas are useful in any tutoring program, structured or not.

☞ 738

SHAKESPEARE FOR EVERYONE

J. Mulherin

SlvrBurd, 1988; *32 pp; $4.46 ea*
0-3820-9812-9

These richly illustrated slim books successfully give the reader a feel for Shakespeare, Elizabethan times, and each complex character. Classic paintings and original illustrations bring the plays to life. Even though they are simplified, condensed, and beautifully laid out, there are still many tough words! Useful probably only with a tutor's help, the reading levels are approximately 6 - 8. Includes: HAMLET, MACBETH, MERCHANT OF VENICE, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, ROMEO AND JULIET, and TWELFTH NIGHT. Series, $26.78.

☞ 739

SMALL GROUP TUTORING — A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH FOR LITERACY INSTRUCTION

J. Cheatham, V. K. Lawson
LVNYC, 1990; *76 pp; $7.50*
0-9307-1370-2

A helpful, interesting tutor guide to organizing, conducting, and maintaining small groups of adult learners at beginning and middle reading levels.

740

TUTOR TECHNIQUES USED IN THE TEACHING OF READING

R. J. Colvin, J. H. Root
LVA, 6th ed 1987; *; $11.00*
order # 91087

For those with no technical training in the teaching of reading who wish to teach adults and teenagers. Step-by-step instructions are provided to help evaluate the student, use various instructional methods, plan a lesson, and become sensitive to the needs of the non-reader.

741

USING LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE WITH ADULTS: A GUIDE FOR TEACHERS

K. Kennedy, S. Roeder
Peoples, 1975; *40 pp; $3.00*
0-8833-6556-1

Creative, interesting approaches to learning to read. Students learn to read their own thoughts, after their tutor writes them out and reads them back. This will supplement the Laubach phonics approach, and can spark some interest when the student becomes bored.

742

USING READABILITY: FORMULAS FOR EASY ADULT MATERIALS

K. Koschnick, R. S. Laubach
Peoples, 1977; *40 pp; $3.25*
0-88330-6545-6

Clear and complete instructions on how to apply the Gunning Fog Index and the Fry Readability Graph, as well as some discussion about what factors combine to make one book more readable than another.

743

VOCABULARY FOR THE WORLD OF WORK 1, BASIC JOB WORDS

D. Mosenfelder
EdDsgn, 1985; *96 pp; $6.25*
0-8769-4229-X

A high reading-level workbook lists

the vocabulary used in various occupations; office work, manufacturing, printing, and electronics. Valuable as a resource for the tutor who is teaching a student with specific vocabulary needs for a specific job. One student would not need to use the entire book. Also, this can be used as an example for the tutor who seeks to structure his or her own lesson on some other job or career not covered in the text. Especially good coverage of unions, paychecks, and insurance. The taxes section is outdated.

744

WRITE ALL ABOUT IT

A. and R. Leis

Peoples, 1986; *159 pp; $5.95*
0-8833-6376-3

Grammar and writing skills are taught here not for themselves but as part of the bigger picture: better communication. Focuses on the "journalistic style" of writing in order to develop clarity, organization, and brevity. Useful practice exercises. Libraries should purchase both the student and the teacher's edition, $7.95.

Guides To Software

745

COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION (CAI) REVIEW

L. Rich

LVA, 1986; *44 pp; $5.00*
order # 91008

An annotated list of software teaching basic reading and conversational English. Analyzes the characteristics and usefulness of 41 software titles. Includes publisher address, cost, subject covered, intended audience, comments and an annotation. Of prime importance: each is rated for its relevance and utility for adults.

746

MICROCOMPUTER BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR ABE BASIC SKILLS INSTRUCTION

L. Gilliand

NJAEDP, 1986, 2nd ed; *59 pp; $11.95*

An annotated listing of 89 commercial software packages appropriate for adults. Includes title, price, and an evaluation. Arranged according to subject: Reading, Math, English, Spelling, and Career Development. Critiques are based on the actual experience of faculty. All software recommended has been used for 6 months or more and tested in adult education classes. An update is needed.

747

GUIDE TO RECOMMENDED LITERACY SOFTWARE

ADLT, 1988; *$15.00*

Eighty programs categorized by subject: English, Math, Reading.

748

REVIEWS OF READING AND WRITING SOFTWARE

C. M. Jagger

NRP, 1988; *$19.95*
0-8833-6672-X

Concise, helpful looseleaf notebook of 59 valuable software titles and their reviews. Divided into subject categories, they them appear alphabetically. Ratings, which range from excellent to fair, are well labeled. Only software useful and appropriate for adults appears here.

Appendices

A. Core Collection

In response to many requests for guidance in choosing "just a small collection" from the 699 in-print titles painstakingly evaluated in this edition, we take on an even more arduous task, that of highlighting an even-handed, basic, core collection. The following 147 titles are hereby suggested for first purchase. These materials are chosen because they are basic, general, and use-tested.

One disclaimer: "basic" and "general" might not describe the needs of your library's unique clientele. Building a collection for adult new readers also requires a good bit of "market research" savvy as well.

Here are some guiding questions for librarians and others setting up an adult literacy collection. Is there a large population of recent immigrants? Of adults beginning to read? Of adults who need higher level comprehension and reasoning skills? Are there a number of recently unemployed people in your area faced with tough competition for jobs? Is there a local literacy program? ABE? GED?

Have you made contact with these groups to assess their needs or recommendations? Do they mesh with some of the titles mentioned in this bibliography?

Keeping the uniqueness of your library's population in mind, the following core collection is suggested for libraries just beginning to serve the needs of adult new readers.

General Fiction

AN AMERICAN FAMILY (series, 8 titles), 34, 44, 68, 88, 107, 155, 164, 174

CARLOTTA'S HOUSE, 24

CHICKEN BY CHE, 31

CLIMBING THE WALL, 32

THE DOOR IS OPEN, 50

FLIGHT TO FEAR, 62

JOHNNY TALL DOG, 87

JUST FOR TODAY, 91

KALEIDOSCOPE (series, 8 titles), 43, 80, 81, 83, 121, 122, 156, 180

THE LIFE OF LUCY FERN, 98

A LONG ROAD, 100

LOVE IS A GIMMICK AND OTHER SHORT STORIES, 373

THE MISSING PIECE, 109

MOLLIE'S YEAR, 110

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE, 132

PLAY MONEY, 133

SUNDOWN (series, 5 newest titles), 8, 18, 75, 116, 293

TAKE AWAY THREE, 162

TIGER, LION, HAWK, 166

Mystery and horror

FASTBACK MYSTERY SERIES (11 titles), 194, 197, 205, 212, 223, 233, 236, 245, 246, 271, 284

STORMY NIGHT SERIES, 292

Science fiction

COMET, 305

KING OF THE STARS, 311

OUT OF THIS WORLD, 315

TOMORROW'S CHILD, 321

ZB 4, 325

Classics and folklore

TOM SAWYER, 360

THE CANTERBURY TALES, 331

ROBINSON CRUSOE, 352

THE GREEK HEROS, 341

THE TIME MACHINE, 359

Biography

CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE (2 titles), 379, 380

GANDHI, 384
MARY ELLEN AND IDA, 391
MEMORIES OF EAST UTICA, 393

The unusual, the unexplained (000)

GREAT DISASTERS, 422
GREAT ESCAPES, 423

Religion (200)

JESUS OF NAZARETH, 449
PEOPLE AND THEIR RELIGIONS, 450
STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT, 453

Social science, government, citizenship (300)

BECOMING A U. S. CITIZEN, 456
CRIME AND THE LAW, 462
GOVERNMENT TODAY, 469
HANDBOOK FOR CITIZENSHIP, 470
THE LAW AND YOU, 471

Jobs (300)

FILLING OUT JOB APPLICATION FORMS, 487
FINDING A JOB, 482
JOB INTERVIEWS, 493
JOBS, 491
KEEPING A JOB, 495

Reading/comprehension (400)

These series are designed to teach adults fundamental reading skills, usually to be used with a tutor, along with materials recommended by a local literacy project. The series include:

CONTEMPORARY'S NEW BEGINNINGS IN READING, 517
LAUBACH WAY TO READING, 527
READING SKILLS FOR ADULTS, 543
CHALLENGER 1 THROUGH 8, 515
BUILDING VOCABULARY, 513
WORLD OF VOCABULARY, 555

ADULT READING: COMPREHENSION, 508
PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT: READING, 534

Writing and grammar (400)

LAUBACH WAY TO CURSIVE WRITING, 569
LETTERS AND SIGNS ACTIVITY BOOK, 572
EVERYDAY READING AND WRITING, 560
FILLING OUT FORMS, 562
FOCUS ON PHONICS, 577
GRAMMAR WRITE AWAY, 565
TROUBLESHOOTER SERIES 1, BOOK 1, 551

Beginning preparation toward high school equivalency diploma examination:

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN READING, 512
BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN WRITING, 557
PRE-GED PROGRAM IN READING, 533
and other materials recommended by local ABE or GED programs.

Spelling (400)

IMPROVE YOUR OWN SPELLING, 726
INSTANT SPELLING POWER, 579
SPELLING STEPS, 581

Student writings (400)

REMEMBERING, BOOKS 1, 2, 583

Mathematics (500) Beginning:

BREAKTHROUGH TO MATH SERIES, 589

Basic mathematics review and beginning preparation for GED:

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN MATH, 590
PRE-GED PROGRAM IN MATH, 591
NUMBER POWER, 598

Practical applications of math skills:

MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING SERIES, 596

Health and safety (600)

THE CHILDBEARING YEARS, 604
FOOD AND FITNESS, 611
GETTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, 612
HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH, 614
WHAT IS AIDS?, 619
YOU CAN BE FREE, 621

Consumer information, homemaking, coping skills (600)

BECOMING A CAR OWNER, 626
BUDGETING, 627
BUYING FOOD — SAVING MONEY, 630
CAR CARE, 632
FINDING HOUSING, 637
MAINTAINING YOUR CAR, 642
USING CREDIT AND BANKING SERVICES, 655

Parenting (600)

AS A CHILD GROWS, 662
WHEN A BABY IS NEW, 667

Family reading (600)

THE LONG AND SHORT OF MOTHER GOOSE, 669

Geography (900)

WORLD GEOGRAPHY AND YOU, 681

History and travel (900)

MOMENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY (series, 10 titles), 690
SETTLERS IN AMERICA, 692
THE UNITED STATES, PARTS 1, 2, 695
UNITED STATES HISTORY, VOLUMES 1 AND 2, 696
WORLD HISTORY, VOLUMES 1 AND 2, 697

B. Series Recommendations and Further Comments

Ablest Plus (Fearon)

An acronym for Adult Basic Literacy Education Skills Training, these large, odd sized booklets, offer basic information needed to function independently. Written at very low levels, the frequent black and white photos also help to carry a message:

COMMUNITY, 460
GOVERNMENT, 466
HEALTH, 609
JOBS, 492
MONEY, 644

Adult Readers Library (Scott, Foresman)

A collection of fourteen 64-page titles for independent reading: informational non-fiction, coping/how-to, biographies, and fiction. Designed to encourage recreational reading, the titles are free from exercises, checkups, glossaries, and other reading aids; they look and read like "regular" books. The quality of the titles varies. The following titles were selected:

BECOMING A SUPERVISOR, 478
CARGO, 23
CARLOTTA'S HOUSE, 24
MARY ELLEN AND IDA, 391
NIGHT PROWLERS, 267
STAGES IN ADULT LIFE, 444
THOSE WHO DARED, 455
YOUR BODY IN HEALTH AND SICKNESS, 620

Adult Literacy Series (Cambridge)

Twenty titles written as the result of a project conducted by Literacy Volunteers of America, with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, to train experts in the humanities to write for adult new readers. Both fiction and non-fiction, these are designed for recreational reading and contain no exercises or comprehension aids. (A User's Guide is available for $9.75.) All are short, although three of the titles are in two part-formats. Most of the titles are recommended:

ANTHROPOLOGY, 686
CHOICES IN YOUR LIFE, 442
DECISIONS IN YOUR LIFE, 443
JESUS OF NAZARETH, 449
THE LIFE OF LUCY FERN, 98
A LONG ROAD, 100
THE MAINE FOREST, 689
ONE SUMMER, 128
PEOPLE AND THEIR RELIGIONS, PARTS I AND II, 450
STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT, 453
THESE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS, 694
TIME FOR A CHANGE, 168

An American Family, Fearon

An eight-book series preferably read in order, this covers significant events in American history by following the generations of one family. Though some events are exaggerated to make a point, history is not "watered-down" or idealized. Some historical "warts" are given a telling. Each raises questions of moral dilemma and are discussible.

Book One: COLONY OF FEAR (1692), 34
Book Two: A MATTER OF PRIDE (1733), 107
Book Three: TWO KINDS OF PATRIOTS (1778), 174
Book Four: THE JOURNEY HOME (1827),88
Book Five: FORTUNE IN MEN'S EYES (1853), 68
Book Six: THE DEBT (1877), 44
Book Seven: A SPLENDID LITTLE WAR (1897), 155
Book Eight: A TEST OF LOYALTY (1920), 164

Archie (Dynamic Programs)

A series of three titles which deal with the "contemporary world of work, depicting black characters gradually improving their lives." The characters speak in black English. The first two books of the series have been recommended:

ARCHIE, JR., 4
THE BRIDGE, 19

Bestellers (Fearon)

BesTellers I, II, III, and IV consist of forty fiction titles in the format and style of best selling paperbacks. In the series are mystery, suspense, adventure, romance, and science fiction. The reading levels are third and fourth grade, and the interest level is adult.

ANIMALS, 3
BAD MOON, 191
CANDY MAN, 198
THE CARDIFF HILL MYSTERY, 199
A CHANGED MAN, 304
COUNTERFEIT, 204
CRASH DIVE, 36
DEMETER STAR, 209
DIAMONDS IN THE DIRT, 211
DREAM OF THE DEAD, 215
FLIGHT TO FEAR, 62
FOLLOW THE WHALES, 64
HONG KONG HEAT, 242
I DIED HERE, 244
NORTH TO OAK ISLAND, 123
SECRET SPY, 280
SILVABAMBA, 151
SO WILD A DREAM, 154
STAR GOLD, 318
THREE MILE HOUSE, 294
TIGER, LION, HAWK, 166
TIME'S REACH, 296
THE TIME TRAP, 320
TOMORROW'S CHILD, 321

TROUBLE AT CATSKILL CREEK, 171

THE VERLAINE CROSSING, 176

WELCOME TO SKULL CANYON, 178

WET FIRE, 179

WIND OVER STONEHENGE, 303

A Better Reading Workshop (Globe)

A set of four workbooks, each covering a specific reading competency. Book 4, Special Study Skills, is not recommended. Titles in the bibliography are:

A BETTER READING WORKSHOP, BOOK 1: READING SPEED FOR COMPREHENSION; A BETTER READING WORKSHOP, BOOK 2: READING FOR MAIN IDEAS; and A BETTER READING WORKSHOP, BOOK 3: MAKING INFERENCES, 511

Building Basic Skills (Contemporary)

A well designed five-title instructional program for adult learners at the pre-GED skill level:

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN MATHEMATICS, 590

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN READING, BOOKS 1-2, 512

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN SCIENCE,

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN SOCIAL STUDIES, 458

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN WRITING, BOOKS 1-2, 557

Cambridge Pre-GED Program (Cambridge)

One of the easiest to use and most comprehensible and relevant beginning GED preparation programs. All titles in the revised edition of this program are recommended:

PRE-GED PROGRAM IN READING, 533

PRE-GED PROGRAM IN MATH, 591

Career Awareness PLUS (Janus)

Four titles described describing low level jobs in various locales. Each provides an eight page spread on each position, personalizing it, describing a typical workday, and providing close-up looks and drawings. Useful and not overwhelming. Those recommended:

HOSPITAL JOBS, 486
HOTEL/MOTEL JOBS, 487
RESTAURANT JOBS, 501
STORE JOBS, 502

Communication Competencies for Adults (Cambridge)

A large type low-level collection of exercises teaching reading, writing, and speaking skills necessary for adults to cope. Included is the title with enough text to make it worthwhile for libraries. Others in the series are basically workbooks offering information which could be found elsewhere.

Forms and Applications.

Consumer Education (EMC)

A program of ten texts, written at the third and fourth grade reading levels, and accompanying workbooks and read-along cassettes, on various aspects of consumer education. Each text comes with a teacher's booklet. The cassettes were not considered for this bibliography, and none of the workbooks were judged acceptable. Four of the texts are recommended.

MORE FOOD FOR OUR MONEY, 645
PUT YOUR MONEY DOWN, 652
STATE YOUR CLAIM!, 474
WHEN THINGS DON'T WORK, 658

Crisis Series (Fearon)

Each deals with a specific life crisis, originally produced by Crestwood House, in a hardback format, these titles are now produced in a "Fearon Education" edition—smaller, paperback, and more acceptable for adults. Those not included were considered very juvenile. Those recommended are:

MOUNTAIN FEAR, 111
A DAY AT A TIME, 41

Eight-page workbooks, called Skillbuilders, are available for $5.85 per ten-pack for each title.

Doomsday Journals (Fearon)

Six novels about out-of-control events and great disasters. (Although the title COMET! is the last in the series, if it is read first, the context of the rest of the titles will be much clearer.) The five titles recommended are:

COMET!, 305
FINAL WARNING, 229
FIREBALL, 230
LOST VALLEY, 312
THE SEEP, 281

Eight-page workbooks, called Skillbuilders, are available for $5.85 per ten-pack for each title.

Double Action Libraries (Scholastic)

Thirty novels at the 4th and 5th grade reading levels

Designed for high school students reading below grade level. While most of the stories are of interest only to teenagers, and many of the plots are repetitive and predictable, four of the titles have been recommended:

THE AIR FREIGHT MYSTERY, 189
THE DROP-IN, 54
THE FIREFIGHTER, 61
ROSINA TORRES, LPN, 145

Double Fastback (Fearon)

Twice the length of the fastback series (about 60 pp. each) and written at an intermediate level 4-5, these are available in different genres. Skillcheck sets are available for each set for $3.00. Those recommended are:

Double Fastback Horror:
  COMING HOME, 203
  DEADLY ROSE, 208
  THE DOLLHOUSE, 213
  THE EXPERIMENT, 220
  FAST FORWARD, 227

MIND GRABBER, 261
WEEKEND VACATION, 301

Double Fastback Mystery:
THE ACTRESS, 187
BRANIGAN'S FOLLY, 190
THE DEVLIN AFFAIR, 46
FAMILY REUNION, 225
THE NIGHT MARCHERS, 266
THE SLEEPERS, 287
VOICES IN THE NIGHT, 299

Double Fastback Romance:
CHANCE OF A LIFETIME, 29
FOLLOW YOUR DREAM, 65
GOOD-BYE AND HELLO, 72
LOVE IN BLOOM, 103
A SECOND LOOK, 149

Double Fastback Sports:
THE BIG TIME, 9
BREAK AWAY, 17
CASEY'S CLAW, 25
DIRT RIDER, 48
THE HITTER, 78
THE MUDDER, 112
THE RIVALS, 141
WILLIE'S CHOICE, 182

Double Fastback Spy:
AGAINST THE WALL, 188
THE BLACK GOLD CONSPIRACY, 196
THE DEADLY CUCKOO, 206
THE LAST RED ROSE, 250
PICTURE OF EVIL, 276
THE PUPPETEER, 279
THE SILVER SPY, 152

TILL DEATH DO US PART, 295

Double Fastback S.O.S. (Strange Occurrence Squad)

THE BEAST, 192

THE NIGHT CREATURE, 265

Fastback (Fearon)

A set of little books (4-1/4" x 5-1/4", 30 pp) with slick, colorful covers and snappy stories.

Fastback Mystery
BILL WAITE'S WILL, 194
THE GOOD LUCK SMILING CAT, 236
THE CALLER, 197
THE INTRUDER, 245
DAWSON'S CITY, 205
JANIE, 246
THE DIARY, 212
NO WITNESSES, 271
THE FACE THAT STOPPED TIME, 223
SHOOTOUT AT JOE'S, 284
A GAME FOR FOOLS, 233

Fastback Crime and Detection (Fearon)
BEGINNER'S LUCK, 193
LOTTERY WINNER, 255
SMALL TOWN BEAT, 288
SNOWBOUND, 289
WET GOODBYE, 302

Fastback Horror (Fearon)
THE CALLER, 197
GUTS, 238
LIVE BAIT, 252
MAD DOG, 256
NIGHT RIDE, 268
NO POWER ON EARTH, 269
TOMB OF HORROR, 297

Fastback Science Fiction (Fearon)
- FLAVORIST, 309
- SINKING SHIP, 316
- THE SPOTTER, 317
- VITAL FORCE, 323

Fastback Sports (Fearon)
- THE COMEBACK, 35
- GAME DAY, 69
- THE KID WITH THE LEFT HOOK, 93
- MARATHON, 105
- REDMOND'S SHOT, 138
- THE ROOKIE, 144
- THE SURE THING, 161
- TURK, 172

Fastback Spy (Fearon)
- THE COBRA, 202
- DOUBLE EXPOSURE, 214
- FLIGHT OF THE SPARROW, 231
- HAM WHO CRIED WOLF, 239
- THE LAST HAND, 249
- THE LEGEND, 251
- PENSION PLAN, 275
- THE TRAP, 298

Fitting In (New Readers Press)

Aimed at new immigrants, these eight stories explore the adjustments necessary to "fitting in" to American culture. A very low reading level and discussible plot make these appealing for book discussion groups. Those recommended:

- YOU ARE NOT MY FATHER, 185
- WOMAN'S WORK, MAN'S WORK, 184

Flashbacks (Fearon)

Slightly larger than the Fastbacks, these 30-page stories focus on some true historical event and then personalize them. Some are true, some are not. A brief three-page summary of the "facts" appears at the end and should be read first, before tracking the story by itself. Those Flashbacks recommended are:

- Flashback Disasters:
  - BLACK SUNDAY, 11
  - BRAVING A BLIZZARD, 16
  - DEADLY TORRENT, 42
  - DESTRUCTION AT DAWN, 45
  - DREAMS OF FIRE, 53
  - IDAHO INFERNO, 82
  - QUAKE 8.1, 135
  - TWISTER!, 173
- Flashback Sports:
  - THE BET, 7
  - THE BOYS OF WINTER, 14
  - DOUBLE THE GLORY, 51
  - THE GOLD JUMP, 71
  - A HARD DRIVING LADY, 76
  - THE ONE WOMAN TEAM, 129
  - THE SUPER UPSET, 160
  - THE THRILLER IN MANILLA, 165
  - THE TRIPLE CROWN DUEL, 170
- Flashback War:
  - ACE BRADLEY, 1
  - ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, 5
  - A BRAVE ACT, 15
  - THE BRITISH ARE COMING, 20
  - IN A COMBAT ZONE, 84
  - GETTYSBURG MESSENGER, 70
  - GUNS FOR THE GENERAL, 73
  - THE LOST BATTALION, 101
  - U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS, 175
  - VICTORY AT INCHON, 177

Follett Coping Skills (Cambridge)

A series of sixteen workbooks in the areas of consumer economics, occupational knowledge, mental and physical health, community resources, and government and law. The books are written on the 4th through 7th grade reading levels. Information is presented step-by-step. Titles in this bibliography are:

BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN, 456
BUDGETING, 627
FAMILY PLANNING, 608
FINDING HOUSING, 637
FINDING WORK, 483
GETTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, 612
THE GOVERNMENT AND YOU,
JOB INTERVIEWS, 493
THE LAW AND YOU, 471
OWNING AN AUTOMOBILE, 648
USING COMMUNITY RESOURCES, 507
USING TRANSPORTATION, 656

Galaxy 5 (Fearon)

A set of six science fiction titles about the adventures of space travelers. The titles are:

GOODBYE TO EARTH, 310

KING OF THE STARS, 311

ON THE RED WORLD, 314

VACATION IN SPACE, 322

WHERE NO SUN SHINES, 324

A ten-pack of Skillbuilders is also available for each title at $5.85.

High Stakes Adventures (Fearon)

Short (40 page) action packed stories, each focusing on a specific skill: conclusions, identifying details, predicting outcomes and understanding cause and effect. Readers are forced to make story decisions at various "roadblocks." The reader must flip to the appropriate page to continue the story. The constant flipping back and forth could be confusing for some students.

Set A: About a third to fourth grade level.

CRASH LANDING, 37

JUMP, 90

RACE AGAINST THE RIVER, 137

Set B: About a 5th to 6th grade level.

KNIFE IN THE DARK, 247

MURDER BY PHONE, 264

ROOMMATE WANTED, 143

SHOCKED TO DEATH, 283

Heinemann Guided Readers (Monarch)

An interesting range of titles, many of them classic "write-downs;" some offer folklore from exotic lands. Most of the titles considered (elementary and intermediate levels) are about a reading grade level of four. Structure, plot, and vocabulary are all carefully controlled for learners of English. Though short and interesting, most have a dense, small print which takes away from their readability. Those selected have a broad, classic, appeal. (Other titles could be offered for students who want to read about exotic lands or need greater challenge.)

BEAUTIFUL AND DAMNED, 328

SILVER BLAZE, 286

Hopes and Dreams (Fearon)

The immigrant experience in America is translated into low level, interesting fiction, with an ideal print and effective covers. Text is arranged in brief readable phrases which could be read aloud with students taking parts. These could be especially discussible if the individual titles were read and discussed together. Titles include:

HUNGRY NO MORE (Irish), 79

FOR GOLD AND BLOOD (Chinese), 67

O LITTLE TOWN (Germans), 126

PUSH TO THE WEST (Norwegians), 134
NOBODY KNOWS (Africans), 119
OLD WAYS, NEW WAYS (Jews), 127
LITTLE ITALY (Italians), 99
A DIFFERENT HOME (Cubans), 47
BOAT PEOPLE (Vietnamese), 12

Janus Survival Guides (Janus)

Nine titles on various practical living skills. They are all oriented toward the teenage reader and use teenage situations and problems as examples. Since most of the topics covered are better presented for adults in other publications, only one title is recommended in this bibliography:

FINDING A GOOD USED CAR, 636

Justice in America (Houghton Mifflin)

Six books on the topic, all of which are above the reading level for this bibliography. One title, however, contains important information for the adult new reader which is not well covered in books written at lower reading levels:

CRIMES AND JUSTICE, 461

Kaleidoscope (New Readers Press)

The very low reading level interwoven with a touch of adult humor make this series of very brief stories unique and valuable:

DEAR MARY ELLEN, 43
HUSH LITTLE BABY, 80
I DIDN'T DO IT!, 81
I'LL BE RICH!, 83
NO HUNTING, 121
NO MORE CATS!, 122
STOP THAT WOMAN!, 156
WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?, 180

Laura Brewster Books (Fearon)

These six are Nancy Drew mysteries for the adult new reader!

Four recommended are fresh and fun:

- FALLING STAR, 224
- FAST FOOD KING, 226
- HOUSE OF LAUGHS, 243
- TIGER ROSE, 167

Eight-page workbooks called Skillbuilders are available for $5.85 per ten-pack for each title.

Life School Worktexts (Fearon)

Slim, current magazine-size paperback texts about coping skills on an intermediate level.

- BUILDING SELF-CONFIDENCE, 441
- CONSUMER SKILLS, 635
- FIRST AID & HOME SAFETY, 610
- STAYING HEALTHY, 616

Lifetimes (Fearon)

These seven contemporary novels written at the third and fourth grade reading levels all deal with turning points in people's lives. The large print is arranged in "natural word groupings" rather than in lines that break randomly, a feature which makes reading flow more smoothly for the inexperienced reader. Worksheets are available for each set ($16.50). The six titles in this bibliography are:

- Set I:
  - A FAMILY FROM VIETNAM, 59
  - JUAN AND LUCY, 89
  - MOLLIE'S YEAR, 110
  - A PLACE FOR EVERYONE, 132
  - THE SHOPLIFTING GAME, 150
  - SO LONG, SNOWMAN, 153
  - A TIME TO CHOOSE, 169
- Set II:
  - CHICKEN BY CHE, 31
  - CLIMBING THE WALL, 32

THE DOOR IS OPEN, 50
JUST FOR TODAY, 91
THE MISSING PIECE, 109
PLAYMONEY, 133
TAKE AWAY THREE, 162

Lifeworks (McGraw-Hill)

Twenty-one books which focus on "improving the adult learner's ability to cope with everyday life situations while developing basic skills in reading, writing, and math." Many of the books are two titles in one binding, and the reader may not always be interested in both sections. An APL Resource Guide For the Series (0-0706-9905-5) available for $7.76. Drawbacks to the series are: 1) it is classroom oriented; 2) the high ratio of exercises to reading may discourage new readers; 3) somewhat redundant in its coverage; and 4) one title in a binding may be well done and another not. Nevertheless, the following titles contain important information and are recommended:

ADVERTISING TECHNIQUES AND CONSUMER FRAUD, 623
BECOMING A PARENT, 663
BUYING A HOUSE, AND BUYING A MOBILE HOME, 628
BUYING AND CARING FOR YOUR CAR, AND INSURANCE, 629
FOR YOUR HEALTH, LIFE, AND POSSESSIONS,
GETTING READY FOR THE WORLD OF WORK, 484
MOVING ON, AND GETTING UTILITIES AND SAVING ENERGY, 647
A REALISTIC JOB SEARCH, 499
THE REALITY OF WORK AND PROMOTION, 500
UNDERSTANDING CONTRACTS AND LEGAL DOCUMENTS, AND
UNDERSTANDING CRIMINAL LAW, 475
USING CREDIT AND BANKING SERVICES, 655

Living in America (Steck-Vaughn)

A four title series intended to provide a "comprehensive, historical survey of America for the mature learner." Titles not recommended were considered too simplistic in their approach to the subject. The one recommended title:

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION, 464

Living Law (Scholastic)

A joint venture by the Constitutional Rights Foundation and Scholastic, these two softcover texts cover the American legal system and how it affects individual citizens. Designed for use in high schools. Updated in 1988, the titles are:

CIVIL JUSTICE, 459
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, 636

Longman American Structural Readers (Longman)

From a long-established and well-respected British publisher of English as a Second Language materials, this series of leisure reading titles substitutes American vocabulary and viewpoint for British terms and point of view. The Horizontal Readers are glossy, colorfully illustrated and uneven in their general quality. Box-like pictures with text move the story along, comic-book style. But the consistent placement of the text, without balloons, leads the reader successfully along without having to guess where to read next. The Horizontal Readers Recommended are:

COMPUTERS, INTRODUCTION TO MICROPROCESSING, 440
DETECTIVES FROM SCOTLAND YARD, 210
GANDHI, 384
THE SIAMESE CAT, 285
THE STONE MOTHER AND CHILD, 353

The Vertical Readers are illustrated in black and white and have a more usual paperback appearance. Recommended are:

GIRL AGAINST THE JUNGLE, 235
K'S FIRST CASE, 248
LOCH NESS MONSTER, 429
THE PSYCHIC, 278

Longman Structural Readers (Longman)

Caution: these titles do contain some "Britishisms." The following are recommended:

- CLINT MAGEE, 33
- COMPUTERS, INTRODUCTION TO MICROPROCESSING, 440
- DANGEROUS GAME, 334
- DETECTIVES FROM SCOTLAND YARD, 210
- INSPECTOR THACKERY CALLS, 371
- INSPECTOR THACKERY INVESTIGATES, 372
- THE LOST LOVE, 253
- LOVE IS A GIMMICK, 373
- OPERATION MASTERMIND, 273
- PRISONER OF ZENDA, 351

Money Matters (Janus)

Eight titles written for high school students in special needs programs. The characters in the situational examples are young but not specifically identified as teenagers. There are some references to "teacher" and "class." The titles recommended are not condescending or juvenile. Each booklet introduces a subject rather than attempting to cover it in depth. The reading levels are low. Titles are:

- BE AD-WISE, 624
- BE CREDIT-WISE, 625
- INSURE YOURSELF, 639
- KNOW YOUR RIGHTS, 640
- MAKE YOUR MONEY GROW, 643
- MORE FOR YOUR MONEY, 646
- PAY BY CHECK, 650

A Need to Read (Globe)

A program structured to build comprehension skills in five areas: finding the main idea, building vocabulary, understanding details and sequence, drawing conclusions, and critical reading. There are three booklets in each skill area. The strength of the booklets is the low reading level. The 3-book title recommended is:

- Building vocabulary, Levels, A — C, 513

New Method Supplementary Readers (Longman)

Simplified adaptions of English literature and children's fiction classics. The following titles are recommended:

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME, 342
THREE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, 357
THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO, 333

New Writers Voices (Literacy Volunteers of NYC)

An exciting, slick series of real experiences and fiction, written by adult literacy students. Five titles will be forthcoming, one was available in time to include:

SPEAKING OUT ON HEALTH, 615

9 to 5 Series (High Noon)

In the guise of a mystery, each of these five adventures deal with both good and bad aspects of new jobs. Four are recommended:

A NEW LIFE, 115
A NUGGET OF GOLD, 125
BOX GIRL, 13
SECRET SOLUTION, 147

Number Power (Contemporary)

A well-paced and logically arranged program of mathematical skills development which includes practical applications. Concepts and skills are taught in small increments which can be grasped by the adult basic education student and are reinforced by examples and plenty of opportunity for practice. Good tools for adults needing extensive review, especially those beginning study toward the GED exam. The titles are:

NUMBER POWER 1: ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, MULTIPLICATION, AND DIVISION
NUMBER POWER 2: FRACTIONS, DECIMALS, AND PERCENTS
NUMBER POWER 3: ALGEBRA
NUMBER POWER 4: GEOMETRY

NUMBER POWER 6: WORD PROBLEMS, all 598

On Your Own (Janus)

Four books intended to prepare special needs students for independent living. The one recommended title is:

CARING FOR YOUR CAR, 633

Optima Large Print Books (Fearon)

These 10 "Fastback Anthologies" are all collections of 4 titles each from the Fearon flimsy Fastback collection, made larger, more readable and more easily used by libraries in this sturdier hardback, large print form. Many of the titles (24 out of a possible 40) are those reviewed and recommended in this bibliography. (See Fearon catalog). Annotations of individual stories appear elsewhere in this collection. This new format deserves mention. Those titles are:

TEAMWORK
AFTER MIDNIGHT
ILLUSIONS
DESCENDANTS OF EVE
CLAWS & FEATHERS
GUMSHOES
GRAYBEARDS
FADEOUTS
PLAYERS
PEACH FUZZ

Pacemaker Classics (Fearon)

Classic pieces of literature written down to an intermediate (about fourth grade) level. Those recommended are:

TOM SAWYER, 360
THE DEERSLAYER, 336
DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE, 337
FRANKENSTEIN, 338
GREAT EXPECTATIONS, 423
JANE EYRE, 343

THE THREE MUSKETEERS, 358
THE TIME MACHINE, 359
TREASURE ISLAND, 361
TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST, 362

Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic (Fearon)

Four workbooks which build arithmetic skills through information on money management, from recognizing U.S. coins and bills to managing a checking account and shopping. Two are recommended:

BUYING WITH SENSE, 631
USING DOLLARS AND SENSE, 603

Pacemaker True Adventures (Fearon)

An eleven-book series, each with three true stories of adventure or accomplishment. A teacher's guide is free with the purchase of the complete set. All of the titles were considered and all but one are recommended:

TALES OF ESCAPE, 433
TALES OF EXPLORERS, 408
TALES OF FLYING, 409
TALES OF INVENTION, 410
TALES OF PIRATES, 411

People Working Today (Janus)

Ten stories about teenage workers and their experiences on their first jobs. Two of the titles transcend this young adult orientation and speak to the adult as well:

JULIE AT THE PUMPS, 494
TONY, THE NIGHT CUSTODIAN, 503

Phoenix Everyreaders (Phoenix)

An older series of adapted classics for children, originally called Webster Everyreaders (from McGraw-Hill). Appropriate and interesting for adult new readers are:

CASES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, 332

THE GOLD BUG, AND OTHER STORIES, 370

Comprehension checks are $6.96 each.

Practical Job Skills (EMC)

Six readers (informational fiction), six text/workbooks, and six read-along cassettes. The characters are young, and some of the exercises seem more appropriate for teens than for adults, but the recommended titles are still suitable for adult new readers. The following titles are recommended:

FILLING OUT JOB APPLICATION FORMS, 481
FINDING A JOB, 482
INTERVIEWING FOR JOBS, 488

Practice In Survival Reading (New Readers Press)

Eight booklets, each of which contain 25 two-page illustrated lessons. Each consists of a sample reading followed by ten questions designed to develop comprehension on three levels: locating facts, interpreting facts, and applying facts. (MACHINE-AGE RIDDLES is an exception to this format.) Each book includes a word list and answer key. A teacher's guide for the series is available for $3.75. Recommended titles are:

IT'S ON THE MAP, 675
LABEL TALK, 641
LET'S LOOK IT UP, 528
MACHINE-AGE RIDDLES, 530
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST, 539
SIGNS AROUND TOWN, 545
YOUR DAILY PAPER, 556

Project: LEARN Writers Group (Project: LEARN)

This group (part of a Laubach Literacy Action project) has produced about 100 booklets of stories and information on various subjects of interest or importance to adult new readers. Though the booklets are in vocabulary that is controlled to the Skill Books of the LAUBACH WAY TO READING Series, several of the titles will be of interest to students not using that series. Titles are inexpensively produced and sold for cost; the quality of the paper, type, reproduction, and covers gives the books a homemade appearance. The titles recommended in this bibliography are:

BECOMING A VOTER, 457
THE BOY WHO LIVED, 378
BUYING FOOD - SAVING MONEY, 630
CHAN'S FOR LUNCH AND DINNER, 30
EACH ONE TEACH ONE, 382
I WISH I COULD READ TO MY CHILD, 724
LET'S VISIT: OHIO ISLANDS,676
NED STEWART'S JOB, 114
THE PEOPLE WHO NEVER GAVE UP, 396
SOME STORIES OF JESUS, 451
STORIES TO READ TO CHILDREN (Books 1-3), 671
STUDYING FOR AN OHIO DRIVER'S LICENSE, 653
THEY OVERCAME THEIR HANDICAPS, 414
THREE GREAT RUNNING BACKS, 415
UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEART, 618

Read to Me Books (New Readers Press)

Slim volumes which offer easy-to-read material to read aloud to children. This series seeks to address the issue of generationally transmitted reading failure. "Read together, grow together" is the theme:

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD TALES, 668
THE LONG AND SHORT OF MOTHER GOOSE, 669

Reading for Survival (Globe)

Seven adult-interest books designed to develop functional literacy and practical life skills at the same time. The first three titles, for the lowest level reader, are designed to be used in a classroom with a teacher and would be difficult and confusing for the student working alone. The last two titles are too difficult for inclusion. The recommended titles are:

READING COMPETENCE, 540
READING IMPROVEMENT, 542

Scope Skills Books (Scholastic)

Twenty-one workbooks for class or individual learning through stories, puzzles, exercises, articles, and essays. Most of the titles are aimed at improving reading skills; a few present consumer or career skills. Some of the workbooks will be of interest only to teenagers, and all of them are presented in a format intended to be appealing to young adults. The following recommended titles, however, will be useful for adults as well:

DEVELOPING THINKING SKILLS, 518
READING EFFICIENCY, 541
STRANGELY TRUE, 548
VOCABULARY IMPROVEMENT, 553

SCU-2 Sports Closeups (Crestwood House)

Slim hardback biographies, well illustrated with large photos. Meant for children, some focus too much on the childhoods of sports heroes. Those found acceptable are:

DAVE WINFIELD, 381
LYNETTE WOODARD, 390

South City Cops (Fearon)

Paperback, suspenseful crime series about police patrol partners, a mismatched pair. Told in alternate sections from the two viewpoints of the police and the criminals. Those recommended are:

MURDER BEHIND THE WHEEL, 263
HIT MAN, 240
ON THE RUN, 272
THE PAYOFF GAME, 274

Space Police(Fearon)

Six space-age cops and robbers stories of varying interest. A packet of ten Skillbuilders is available for $5.85. The one title would be of interest to more than the science fiction buff:

EARTH TWO, 308

Specter (Fearon)

All eight titles are eerie easy readers in the tradition of The Twilight Zone, and all of them catch and hold the reader's attention. Well paced so that the reader does not become bogged down in print even in the longer books. The individual titles are:

THE ACTOR, 186
A DEADLY GAME, 207
DREAMS, 216
THE EAR, 217
THE '57 T-BIRD, 228
HOMECOMING, 241
NO RENT TO PAY, 270
ZB4, 325

For $5.85 per ten-pack, Skillbuilders can be purchased for each title.

Sportellers (Fearon)

Eight novels about men and women in various sports. Some of the characters are stereotyped, and some of the plots are slow-moving or hackneyed, but the following are recommended:

CATCH THE SUN, 26
FEAR ON ICE, 60
STROKE OF LUCK, 158

A packet of ten Skillbuilders workbooks ($5.85) is available for each title.

Spotlight (Steck-Vaughn)

Three magazine-format booklets with eight biographies of 2-3 pages each, exercises after each. One crossword puzzle, answers to all exercises, and a very useful glossary. The large print makes the text seem easier than grade level 5. Those recommended are:

SPOTLIGHT ON ROCK STARS, 406
SPOTLIGHT ON MOVIE STARS, 405
SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS STARS, 403
SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS STARS II, 404

Sundown Books (New Readers Press)

A series of 22 novels, two of which are especially for teens. The stories are about people dealing realistically and sensitively with personal change. The following titles are compelling reading for adults:

BEN'S GIFT, 6
BETTER OFF WITHOUT ME, 8
BIRTHDAY BOY, 10
BRIDE IN PINK, 18
BURN BARREL, 21
DON'T SELL ME SHORT, 49
A DREAM WITH STORMS, 52
THE FREEDOM SIDE, 66
IN AND OUT OF WINDOWS, 85
JUST ONCE, 92
LADY IN PINK, 94
LET NOBODY TURN ME 'ROUND, 97
LOVE LETTERS, 104
A NEW LIFE, 116
NIGHT ON 'GATOR CREEK, 118
NOBODY WANTS ANNIE, 120
THE OTHER SIDE OF YELLOW, 130
TAKE CARE OF MILLIE, 163
THAT MAN, 293

A Teacher's Guide and Study Guides are available for each title, in quantities of 10 (of one title), plus one teacher's guide, $8.95. Read-along tapes are available for seven of the titles.

Super Specter (Fearon)

Fairly substantial in length, these six bizarre horror stories are on a readable level. Those recommended are:

A GAME OF REVENGE, 234
A GUEST FROM THE GRAVE, 237
THE MAN WHO COULDN'T COME CLEAN, 258

MAZE OF TERROR, 259

SOMETIMES NIGHTMARES ARE REAL, 290

Survival (Crestwood)

These eight titles are about human survival in the wilds. Available in hardback as well as paperback, but the hardbacks are expensive and juvenile in appearance. The two recommended titles are:

FROZEN TERROR, 421

TRAPPED IN DEVIL'S HOLE, 438

Talespinners I and II (Fearon)

Of the 16 adventures, mysteries, and science fiction in the series, the following are recommended:

HARD ROAD TO PARADISE, 77

JOHNNY TALL DOG, 87

THE LAST COWBOY, 96

MAN IN THE CAGE, 257

THE POISON PEN MYSTERY, 277

A QUESTION OF FREEDOM, 136

Eight page workbooks called Skillbuilders are available for $5.85 per ten pack for each title.

Working with Numbers (Steck-Vaughn)

A 1990 revised series of six self-checking worktests. Problem solving sections are newly expanded. The three chosen were clear, self-guiding, and not juvenile. Most answers are "neat and tidy" and not frustrating. Recommended are the "middle range:"

LEVEL C - TRIANGLE, 602

LEVEL D - RECTANGLE, 602

LEVEL E - PENTAGON, 602

A free teacher's guide and answer key is available for each level.

Writers' Voices (Literacy Volunteers of NYC)

In an attempt to satisfy the need of literacy students to "read what others read," this six title series provides a fresh and different format compared to other adult new reader material. Current, popular titles are presented in smaller than usual doses. But a new format requires a new approach. The good news is this: Students see and read the "real thing"—not a "write-down." Much effort has been put into a biographical sketch of each author, then a useful geographical orientation of exactly where the story happens. Several sections on background give added meaning to a story so as not to presume any prior knowledge about events or people which are about to be discussed. Finally, each excerpt is followed by thoughtful questions for discussion. A list of related books and films is provided in some. The bad news is that the excerpts are not that easy to read; two titles were above grade 7 and are not included. To deal with this problem, the preface suggests a tutor read aloud the passage first before the student tackles it. Adult new reader book clubs will profit from this series since it makes discussion and branching out so easy. Unfortunately the titles can't be used for beginners and aren't easily used independently (without tutor assistance). Included are:

SELECTED FROM I KNOW WHY THE CAGE BIRD SINGS, 400
SELECTED FROM KRAMER VS. KRAMER, 149
SELECTED FROM LOVE MEDICINE, 148
SELECTED FROM ONE MORE TIME, 399

Young Homemakers at Work (Fearon)

Three titles on the various aspects of meal planning. Two are recommended:

PLANNING MEALS AND SHOPPING, 651
THE YOUNG HOMEMAKER'S COOKBOOK, 659

C. Suggested Readings for the Librarian

This is a subjectively selected list of readings on library service to the adult new reader, and the selection of adult interest/low reading level materials, including several bibliographies of books for the adult new reader. These recommended readings are those that proved most useful in the preparation of BOOKS FOR ADULT NEW READERS.

Baker, Shay, et al, OHIO LIBRARIES FIGHT ILLITERACY, Ohio Library Association Bulletin, October 1982, pp 4 - 8. An outline of recent and current public library literacy programs in Ohio and some suggestions of ways libraries not yet involved can help. By members of OLA's Task Force on Services for Adult New Readers.

Bates, Barbara, HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT EASY BOOKS, The High Low Report, Dec. 1979, pp 1-3. An editor of hi/lo books for young adults answers questions about evaluation of materials, shelving, and "pap" versus quality books.

Bates, Barbara, IDENTIFYING HIGH INTEREST/LOW READING LEVEL BOOKS, School Library Journal, Nov. 1977, pp 19-22. A very concise article with specific guidelines for evaluating both fiction and non-fiction.

Bayley, Linda, ABE: GUIDE TO LIBRARY MATERIALS. Austin, Texas: University of Texas at Austin, 1977. The purpose of this guide is "to show which subject areas will be in the most demand by ABE students and to help adult educators and librarians identify materials that will be of interest and use to under-educated adults." Most of the material falls in the 3-6 grade reading range. Also: some tips on choosing and organizing materials.

Bayley, Linda, OPENING DOORS FOR ADULT NEW READERS: HOW LIBRARIES CAN SELECT MATERIALS AND ESTABLISH COLLECTIONS, Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1980. A very good introduction to setting up collections for new readers; available free from the publisher.

Buckingham, Melissa Forinash, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION Booklist; Jan. 15, Apr. 15, Jul. 15, and Oct. 15 issues. A unique book review column, devoted to materials for the adult with limited reading skills.

Buckingham, Melilssa Forinash, MATERIALS SELECTION FOR

ABE COLLECTIONS, Drexel Library Quarterly, Oct. 1978, pp 14-32. A thorough discussion of book selection for adult reluctant and disabled readers by a recognized expert; also describes "the adult new reader."

Buckingham, Melissa Forinash, READER DEVELOPMENT BIBLIOGRAPHY, Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1982. Highly selective, annotated bibliography of materials in the Free Library of Philadelphia's Reader Development Collection, one of the country's oldest and best-known literacy collections. Includes an excellent introductory article on selecting adult interest/low reading level materials.

DiPerna, Paula, FUNCTIONAL LITERACY: KNOWLEDGE FOR LIVING, Pam. No. 607, New York: Public Affairs Pamphlets, 1982. A succinct introduction to the definitions and extent of adult illiteracy in the United States, including a discussion of efforts in literacy education. An inexpensive and effective way to educate a community - or a library board!

Heiser, Jane Carol, LITERACY RESOURCES: AN ANNOTATED CHECKLIST FOR TUTORS AND LIBRARIANS, Baltimore: Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1983. A selection of materials in the collection of Enoch Pratt's Literacy Resource Center which have proved most useful to its clients. Compiled by the library's Literacy Resources Librarian.

∞Johnson, D. W., Soule, J. A., LIBRARIES AND LITERACY — A PLANNING MANUAL, 0-8389-0478-5, Chicago: American Library Association, 1987, 38 pp, $12.95. A complete, dense guide to implementing or expanding a library effort to increase literacy. Discusses illiteracy in general and gives concrete examples of what steps libraries can take. Examples include: sensitizing staff, co-sponsoring training sessions, providing a central information and referral center for literacy. Useful suggestions on materials selection and publicity complete this slim manual.

Johnson, Laura S., READING AND THE ADULT LEARNER, Newark, Delaware, International Reading Association, 1980. A collection of IRA convention and journal articles which describe various reading programs for adult learners in the United States. Some of the articles are quite specific and readers will want to read selected articles according to their particular interests.

Jones, Edward V., READING INSTRUCTION FOR THE ADULT ILLITERATE, Chicago: American Library Association, 1981.

Part 1 provides a profile of the adult illiterate, and Part 2 is a detailed program of reading instructions. A well researched and well written text.

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